

## REPORT

**TO: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL PROFILE  
ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**DATE: April 11, 2023**

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### **ORIGIN**

Director of Education

### **BACKGROUND**

A School Profile program was established in January 2019 to recognize and celebrate school excellence. Each month, one school in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is highlighted at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

This month's report highlights St. Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Elementary School.

### **COMMENT**



*St. Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Elementary School opened on Garth Street, south of Rymal Road in September 2004 with an inaugural enrolment of 474 students. Today more than 650 students attend the West Mountain school.*



*A 6-classroom addition was built in 2015 to accommodate the school's growing population.*

**Address**

1760 Garth St.  
Hamilton, ON L9B 2X5

**Trustee**

Mr. M. Valvasori

**School Administration**

Principal: Mrs. G. Cino  
Vice-Principal: Mrs. J. Shamon  
Superintendent: Mrs. T. Kovach

**Grades**

K – Grade 8

**Enrolment**

# of students: 655 (as of October 31, 2022)

**Family of Schools**

Bishop Tonnos Catholic Secondary School

**About St. Thérèse of Lisieux CES**

St. Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Elementary School opened on September 7, 2004 with an inaugural enrolment of 474 students from the former communities of Corpus Christi, Regina Mundi and St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Elementary Schools. Located on a 7-

acre property west of Garth Street and south of Rymal Road, the new \$7.36-million school was built to address overcrowding at several West Mountain schools.

Designed by Moffat Kinoshita Architects Ltd. and built by Bondfield Construction Co. Ltd., the 45,000 sq. ft. school featured a state-of-the-art library/Learning Commons, computer facilities, a double gymnasium with stage and handicap accessibility, conference room, Kindergarten wing, arch-ceiling foyer, clear storey skylights and windows to allow maximum light, sculpted yard, and an office complex which provided secure access to the building. By 2012, enrolment at St. Thérèse CES had grown to 749 students, 41% above the school's Ministry-rated capacity of 530 students, which resulted in two expansions: a 8,114 sq. ft. Kindergarten addition in 2012 costing \$1.25 million, followed by a \$2.44 million 9,242 sq. ft. 6-classroom addition in 2015.

The school was named after St. Thérèse, the young Carmelite nun from Lisieux, Normandy whose "little way" encouraged small actions, done with great love and humility, as a way to live our Catholic faith. A relic of the little saint is displayed in the school's foyer.

The school was officially blessed by The Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton on February 20, 2005.

### **School Motto**

"Service, Teamwork and Learning"

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