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ST-BRUNO-DE-MONTARVILLE
OUR SCHOOLS - SOME HISTORICAL INFO OF INTEREST

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Over the years, I have documented some information concerning our local schools, as follows:

1960 - Don Bosco School (Roberval Street) built to accommodate English Catholic students.

Henceforth, Mass for our English Catholic population was held in the gym of Don Bosco School every Sunday until the Church complex was built in 1967.

1960 - Roberta Machnik of our parish, appointed *first woman School Commissioner in the Catholic System*, Province of Quebec, on the Saint-Bruno School Board. She was subsequently elected and served until 1972. Roberta was awarded the Order of Merit of the Federation of Catholic School Commissions in 1967.

March 19, 1961 - Benediction and Inauguration of Don Bosco by His Excellency Gerard-Marie Coderre, Bishop of Saint-Jean (as our Diocese was then called).

January 9, 1967 - Albert Schweitzer School opens its doors for English Catholic Education.

1979 - Albert Schweitzer School taken over by French Catholic School Board. Our English Catholic students move to Don Bosco School on Roberval Street.

1992 - Don Bosco School building closes for English Catholic Education. Fifty-six (56) English students transferred to a section of Albert Schweitzer School; this section retains the name of "Don Bosco School".

June 16, 1995 - Don Bosco School (located in Albert Schweitzer School building) closes its doors permanently. English students now attend Cedar Street School in Beloeil until Confessional School Boards become Linguistic School Boards.

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