

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Eastern Ontario Catholic District School Board initiated the process of establishing a new Catholic Secondary School to service Cornwall and area in the fall of 2003. The need for a second Catholic Secondary School was realized as a result of continued growth at the only English Language Secondary School serving Cornwall and area, St. Joseph's Secondary.

After exploring various potential sites both within the City of Cornwall and the county of South Glengarry, the board exercised its option and purchased a forty-three acre site, situated on the south-east corner of Tyotown Road and Boundary Road immediately east of the city of Cornwall.

On November 24, 2003 ground breaking ceremonies for the newly named Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School were held.

After an extensive site search and lengthy approval process, the Catholic District School Board celebrated the long awaited sod turning for the 500 plus pupil facility on Cornwall's eastern limits.

Director of Education, Mr. Greg McNally, spoke about the determination involved in the genesis of this project. He noted, "For years, the Board had a vision of building a new secondary school for the greater Cornwall area." Today we have realized that vision. It is due to hard work, commitment, and on-going support of our school communities, board, staff, and partners in Catholic Education.

The vision was realized when students, parents, and staff walked through the front doors on September 7, 2004.