

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, TORONTO.

St. Joseph's Academy, Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies, was established in 1854 by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who in the year 1851 made the first Canadian foundation of their Order, at the invitation of the second Right Reverend Bishop of Toronto, the Count Armand de Charbonnel.

The Course of Instruction in this Academy embraces every branch suitable for the education of young ladies.

In the Collegiate Course pupils are prepared for University Honours, for Senior and Junior Matriculation, and for Senior and Junior Teachers' Certificates. The numbers of Pupils who have succeeded in obtaining these Honours and Certificates in past years testify to the thoroughness and efficiency of the work done in the Academy.

In the Academic Course special attention is paid to Modern Languages, Music, Art, Elocution, and Needlework. In this Department students are prepared for the Music Examinations of Toronto University.

In the Commercial Course pupils are prepared for Commercial Certificates and for Diplomas in Stenography and Typewriting.

This Superior educational Institution is pleasantly situated near the Queen's Park, in the neighborhood of Toronto University, St. Michael's College, and the Parliament Buildings. The presence of the many seats of learning in its immediate vicinity proves that the locality has superior advantages. The extensive recreation Grounds of the Academy, with shady groves and pleasant walks, afford delightful resorts for the Pupils during leisure hours.

Exteriorly the architectural beauty of the Academy is in perfect harmony with the noble work to which it is dedicated. The interior, also, is most admirably adapted for educational purposes. The Study Halls and Class Rooms, which are large, well ventilated and cheerful, are well supplied with the necessary School Apparatus. The Music Hall, into which twenty distinct Music Rooms open, is considered a perfect design for elegance and convenience. The Studio, adorned as it is with superior Drawings and Paintings, cannot but excite the youthful mind to a love for the beautiful in nature and art. The private Rooms and Dormitories, with their neat and comfortable alcoves, are pronounced among the finest in the Country. The new Auditorium has few, if any, rivals amongst the private Schools of Ontario.

Special attention is paid to this, the most important branch of Religious education. In addition to the daily classes in Christian Doctrine, general instruction is given once a week by a Reverend Doctor of Theology, at which all Roman Catholic Pupils are obliged to attend.

The object aimed at in the Conventual system of education is to implant the principles of virtue and Religion, whilst developing the intellectual powers of the youthful mind. At all times the Pupils are under the surveillance of the Sisters, and Parents know that the utmost care and attention are given to the physical comfort and moral training of the pupils placed in the Academy. Particular attention is paid to ladylike deportment. The health of the pupils is an object of earnest solicitude. Official reports of each pupil regarding her deportment, class standing, progress, etcetera, are forwarded monthly to Parents and Guardians. References are required from pupils on entering the Academy. Pupils are required to write to their Parents, or Guardians, at least once a week.

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