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St. Rita School

In Montreal North

St. Rita's Montreal North was a separate school, whose principal was Orlando Sbragia. It was so named because it was in St. Rita's Parish (Father Healy was pastor, brother of "Coosie" Healy who taught for the MCSC). It was on Charlevoix Street, east of Pie IX in Montreal North and had an annex on Mayenne St. west of Pie IX.

The name was changed to Blessed Adrian Fortescue at the same time as St. Rita's New Bordeaux was changed to Blessed Oliver Plunkett, where I was principal 1966-70. The late Canon (later Bishop) Emmett Carter was very much involved in the selection of these two names, one an English beatified and the other Irish. He considered them appropriate, because they served an English-speaking population, many of whose members were of Irish extraction. They were each subsequently renamed to All Saints and Transfiguration, respectively, after he had left Montreal. In a conversation I had with him at a later date, he expressed great disappointment at these changes.

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