



SISTERS *of* ST. JOSEPH
of TORONTO



About the Sisters

We are the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, a Catholic congregation of women religious.

As a community of women, we are sent to serve those in need in simplicity and compassion.

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About the Building

Our home at 2 O'Connor Drive was designed by Shim-Sutcliffe Architects Inc. and built by Eastern Construction Company Ltd. We moved in during early March 2013.

2 O'Connor Drive is a four story, S-shaped building linked to the historic Taylor House.

The building has 56 rooms on the second to fourth floors for Sisters in residence. It connects to the outside with windows and natural light.

Situated atop the ravine of the Lower Don Parklands, our home is a sacred space that exists in harmony with nature, enriching our lives of community and prayer.

Sustainable Features

Our goal was to build a residence that would be ecologically sustainable and in harmony with nature. Landscaping features include a cistern, permeable pavers, bioswales, and native trees and plants to encourage pollinators throughout the property.

Our home is energy efficient, using Earth's temperature for heating and cooling via geothermal wells under the parking lots. The narrow building width takes advantage of natural breezes and light that pass through the corridors and into suites, reducing our demands on our planet's resources.

Our home reflects our creation care values: we are all part of God's creation, connected to the fragile planet that is Our Common Home

Our Residence

2 O'Connor Drive, Toronto, Ontario



Sustainable and ecological



Nestled on top of the ravine, our home is an S-shape designed to be surrounded by nature without intruding upon the wildlife and vegetation that encircles us.



Our home is designed to maximize natural light while supplementing it with energy efficient LED lighting.

Sacred and connected to nature



Our chapel is the heart of our home. The ground level and second floor balcony are enclosed by floor to ceiling windows. Daylight and seasons offer an ever-changing view.



On the fins of the chapel, the hand-carved Stations of the Cross invite contemplation and reflection.

Conserving energy and water

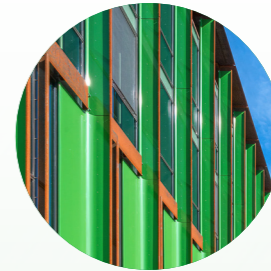


The green roof over the chapel retains water and reduces heat to increase energy efficiency.



Plants and trees around the building require minimal water. Permeable pavers reduce load on storm sewers. A cistern keeps rainwater for gardening.

Combining the modern and historic



The high performance building envelope (cladding) allows maximum energy efficiency. Floors are cooled and heated through geothermal technology that is embedded under the flooring.



The Taylor House, originally built in 1885 by John F. Taylor, remains a part of our home, now used for meeting spaces, guest rooms, and as a library.