



Natural light
in the chapel.

Greater use of natural lighting is just one of the many green features of the Sisters of St. Joseph's residence.

LEEDing the Way in London

Since 1950, the Sisters of St. Joseph have lived at the Mount on the corner of Richmond and Windermere. When it became clear that this building was too large for their needs, the Sisters of St. Joseph set themselves the task of creating a new home that would express their deeply-held values and spoke a word of hope for the future. The Sisters of St. Joseph are educators at heart who believe that it is not enough to talk about ideas and vision. They wanted to create something together that could be a concrete example of what was possible. Thus, they chose to build a LEED-certified green building.

For the Sisters of St. Joseph, it has been a wonderful experience of learning about energy systems, possibilities for water conservation, use of renewable materials, and different approaches to gardening. It also opened them to new partnerships and networks. The Sisters of St. Joseph want to share with as many as possible the process and the results of their decisions, many of which circled around one question, “What choices will best express that we are in good relationship with other humans, other species and the earth as a whole?”

Right (Top to Bottom) » Front view of Sisters of St. Joseph; Ground-sourced heating and cooling system wells are located under this parking lot; Installing the wells for the ground-sourced heating and cooling system; E Richard Hammond – Cornerstone Architecture

