



Blanchet Catholic School Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Inauguration

As the 20th anniversary of the opening of Blanchet approaches, Kevin Mannix, one of the founders and Chairman of the Board of Blanchet since the inception, has gone through files from the early years of Blanchet. Mannix has found a copy of the address given by then-Bishop Bertrand Blanchet of Rimouski, Quebec. Bertrand is a descendant of relatives of Norbert Blanchet, after whom the school is named.

During his speech, Bishop Blanchet sang a hymn demonstrating the beauty of Catholic education. It was a custom of Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet to sing during his ministry, teaching others sacred hymns.

Bishop Bertrand was delighted in sharing in the historical day and described the special day: "In its own right, the opening of a new school is undoubtedly a meaningful event: it is a gesture of hope for the future, despite the difficulties of the present day. It is a gesture of trust in your children as well as in the development of their various capabilities. It is also a gesture of love for these same children to whom you wish the best there is. And, as far as you are concerned, the best of all is a school which witnesses to your convictions and your values, a Catholic school."

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