

Distinguished Speakers To Preside At Opening

Tour Of Inspection To Follow

Modern, beautifully designed Holy Rosary School and Parish Hall, Aldershot, will be officially opened Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28, when His Excellency Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, will effect the ribbon-cutting ceremony. These initial exercises are slated to commence at 3.30 p.m.

Following this traditional opening ceremony Bishop Ryan will enter the new school followed by the pastor, Rev. B. W. Harrigan and a representative from each Grade in school. The blessing and dedication of the school and parish hall will ensue. The assemblage will gather in the new and adequately furnished parish hall where His Excellency will be the guest speaker. Representatives of the Township Council will also participate. Executive members of the local community organizations and members of the clergy will be on the speakers' platform. It is expected that Most Rev. Anthony Jordan, O.M.I., Bishop of Prince Rupert, will also address the gathering.

These opening ceremonies will be interspersed with selected singing rendered by the school choir. A tour of inspection of the new structure will take place and refreshments will be served by

A Good Turn For Holy Rosary School

When it was discovered that the new Holy Rosary School, Aldershot, would not be ready for occupation in time for the early September opening, it was necessary to make arrangements to accommodate the 94 students in some other way. St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Aldershot, kindly offered temporary quarters in their basement and Sunday school hall. This space was utilized until Sept. 24th when the classrooms of the new school were made available. The present staff of teachers includes two Sisters of St. Joseph and one lay teacher. The Sisters of St. Joseph also supply a part-time music teacher.

the Parish Ladies' Guild.

This up-to-date educational institution was constructed by the Pigott Construction Company Ltd. J. D. Kyles, Hamilton firm of architects, designed the building. This three-room school is the first separate school to be erected in this area. It now has an enrolment of 94 students while the spacious parish auditorium has accommodation for over 300 people.

Holy Rosary Parish Young But Growing

Holy Rosary Parish, Aldershot, was established by Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, in July, 1947. This parish, situated on the main Toronto-Hamilton Highway, was formed from sections dismembered from Cathedral, Hamilton, Burlington and Waterdown parishes. It covers a territory which is 16 square miles in area. This rapidly expanding parish has approximately 100 Catholic families. It is continuing to grow at a rapid rate.

Rev. B. W. Harrigan, P.P., was appointed the first pastor. The 62-year old Holy Sepulchre Chapel, located in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, has been the venue for the celebration of Holy Mass since the formation of the parish. This Chapel continues to serve as the parish chapel. This structure was built by the late Bishop Dowling. It has been renovated for the parish purposes and adequately serves the present needs of Holy Rosary parish.

Parish Hall Boasts Ample Facilities For Work And Play

Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Aldershot, is adjoined to the new school and forms the rear portion of the structure. Situated beneath the stage of the auditorium is the boiler room which provides the complete unit with hot water heating stemming from an oil boiler through convector radiators.

The parish hall is constructed of cement block and has entrances

from the main lobby and the school corridor. The interior of the hall is painted in two-tone blue. It contains a large check-room, washrooms and a large stage with ample wing space, and will accommodate 300 persons.

The parish hall has an acoustic tile ceiling, with acoustic tile panelling between the ceiling joists. The stage of the auditorium contains a wine-colored heavy drape curtain. Grey drapes round off the wings and rear of the stage. Grey testers give added depth to the stage appearance. It is well lighted and has a modern footlight system. A rheostatic control is attached to the entire auditorium lighting unit. Spotlights complete the lighting arrangement.

The auditorium contains a machine-trowelled cement floor. Modern nesting chairs have been furnished with ample space beneath the stage for storage. Off the main auditorium a large kitchen is found connected by a serving counter and a dutch door. The kitchen is modernly furnished with rangettes, refrigerator, ample cupboard space, double porcelain sink and large cutting board. The kitchen has a mastic tile floor and is finished in a yellow and blue color scheme. Natural finished birch wood trim is employed throughout. The counter cover has a blue linoleum surface.

Hard Work By Board

The Aldershot Separate School Board which was formed last year at a meeting of interested parishioners has been functioning very actively since its formation. The members have worked assiduously in cooperation with the Department of Education, the architect, J. D. Kyles, and the Pigott Construction Company Ltd. in the many details of planning and construction.

The present school board is headed by the chairman, J. I. Pinnington; Verne Granby is secretary-treasurer and Robert Reed completes the executive.

BRIGHT COLOR MOTIFS

The main school corridor, 8 feet in width, has a mastic tile floor. Plywood birch doors lead from the main lobby to the main school section. The corridor has an acoustic plaster ceiling with attractive lighting fixtures spaced at needed junctures.

Off the main corridor is the combined teachers' room and principal's office. This also serves as a teachers' diner and contains an enclosed kitchenette, completely equipped. This room is finished in turquoise with blue and grey mastic tile flooring. The windows are attractively draped. Adequate shelving has been installed.

The three classrooms, similarly furnished and identical in size and in equipment, have varying color motifs. The basic color scheme is green and yellow, two-tone blue and bluff and olive green respectively. Matching mastic tile floors have been laid. Each room has an acoustic plaster ceiling. Large blackboard and cork tackboard space has been provided. The windows are beautifully draped in matching color while non-glare modern lighting fixtures complete the beauty of the interior.

On the left side of the main corridor, the separate washrooms are situated. These rooms are identical in color appearance being finished in a pastel blue with a mottled blue enamelled cement dado. Paper towel folding units are provided. These washrooms are modernly equipped and have bevelled glass windows.

LARGE CAMPUS

The exterior of the building is well lighted with lights from under the eaves. A large expanse of landscaped frontage setting the construction well back from the main highway line gives the structure a beautiful appearance. Campus space is provided to the rear of the building. This campus space is extremely large and provides adequate room for expansion of the school.

The outer structure is painted in a green and white combination. It possesses a brick plaster effect which is made up of heavy brick columns between the wide expanse of windows. The windows have steel frames and steel sashes. Beneath the window line there is a white wooden bevelled siding.

Two lengthy sidewalks approach the entrances to the school, while a drive-in entrance for cars has also been provided.

Two heavy massive oaken doors with satin-finished brass hardware are found at the main entrance. The main entrance flooring is of polished cement.

Initial Parish Social Proves Great Success

Aldershot, Oct. 11—Parishioners of Holy Rosary parish and friends from Hamilton and district numbering 275 persons, enjoyed the first social in the auditorium of Fairfield Public School on Wednesday evening.

Following bridge and euchre, lunch was served by the ladies of the parish. The Deltones, one of Hamilton's famous barber-shop quartets, pleased the large audience with a group of songs. Miss Beverley Burjaw, of Waterdown, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. W. T. A. Walton, of Aldershot, was well received in vocal numbers. Fuzz Adoranti, of Hamilton, a member of the Alabama Minstrels, played the piano-accordion.

Program Committee

Following the program old-time dancing was enjoyed. Jack O'Brien was master of ceremonies for the evening with Dr. Gerald Lunz introducing the musical numbers. The social was under the convenship of Mrs. Jack Pinnington and Mrs. Jack O'Brien. Other members of the committee in charge were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. A. Walton, Jack Pinnington, Mrs. Gerald Lunz, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rankin, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smiley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKeever, Miss Mary Ricci, and Michael O'Brien.