

New church combines modern with tradition

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The narthex is the entryway into the worship space, with soaring ceilings and earth tones opening into the main church area. Inside, mounted high above the main doors, is a little piece of history from the previous church—a sculpture of Jesus Christ done by a local artist back in 1965 that originally hung over the altar in the Maple Ave. church.

The sculpture (left) has been painted a bronze colour to better fit into its new surroundings.

The worship space, with seating capacity for 860 to 1,000 people (nearly double the size of the previous church) boasts a 38 ft. ceiling to the peak of the nave

and is bathed in the natural light from the expansive windows.

“The width and height gives a great sense of space and openness,” said Wynen.

“We tried to combine the modern with tradition,” said Wynen, adding that was achieved through of combi-



Both the interior and exterior (right) of the new Holy Cross Church on Argyll Rd. are impressive. The church's first service Sunday drew 1,500 people. Photos by Ted Brown



wall of the church.

The Catholic Women's League and students from all the Catholic schools in town donated a sculpture of “The Intimate Holy Family” depicting Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

The church was designed by Walter Fedy Partnership in Kitchener, with Roger Farwell as the lead architect. Melloul Blamey was the builder. Wynen is very pleased with the design and the construction.

“The craftsmanship is beautiful. I had hoped we could have been in by November, but it's in God's time, not my time.”

He said there were delays, as the drywall and woodwork took longer

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nation of stone, wood and colour.

At the entryway is a granite baptismal font with a small pool that holds six inches of water for adult baptisms.

The oak pews and altar were made by Valley City Manufacturing Co. Ltd. in Dundas.

The cross over the altar was carved in Italy and was a donation of the Knights of Columbus. The new organ was purchased through the church's organ fund to which the local Portuguese community made significant contributions, and the grand piano was made

possible through a donation from Father Wynen's previous parish— St. Matthew's Church in Oakville.

The stained glass windows in the church are done by Bernhard Viehweber of Glen Williams. Two large windows behind the altar will also be done in stained glass, hopefully by Easter, portraying the first Pentecost of the Holy Spirit.

“All stained glass has been donated by parishioners,” said Wynen. He added parishioners also donated the Stations of the Cross, which line the back



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