

ARCHBISHOP BELIVEAU OPENS NEW SCHOOL

Archbishop Beliveau, when opening the St. Alphonsus school at Elmwood on Sunday, strongly protested the system which, he said, imposed a double tax on Catholics who wanted to have schools of their own at which religious instruction could be given, and which compelled them to pay for the public schools as well as paying for their own schools. He cited the case of Holland where, after a century of fighting, the Catholics had succeeded in having Catholic schools placed on the same footing as public schools, and claimed this was only fair.

The St. Alphonsus school has been erected at a cost of \$10,000, and is located at the corner of Brazier and Munroe, not much more than a stone's throw from the East Kildonan public school. It is a neat building, with a couple of large class-rooms and other accommodation.

Prior to the ceremony of blessing the school, a benediction service was conducted by Archbishop Beliveau in St. Alphonsus church, which is just a few yards away. Many of the parishioners were present. Among the clergy in attendance were Mgr. A. A. Chevrier, P.A., V.G.; Rev. Father James McCandlish, C.B.S.R., parish priest, and Rev. Fathers Heffron, W. G. Moore, Hilland, O.M.I., Magnan, O. M.I., rector of the St. Boniface seminary, Macdonald, S.J., and Cecil J. McNeil. School trustees present were E. A. Parkin (Chairman), Dr. J. P. Raleigh, Thos. Gelley and Bernard Walsh. The choral part of the service was led by Maurice Gelley.

The service was opened with the reading of an address of welcome to the archbishop by Thos. Gelley, who is the commissioner of immigration in Winnipeg, after which the archbishop addressed the congregation, and thanked the people of the parish for their generosity and self-sacrifice.

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St. Alphonsus Now Public School By Mutual Agreement

The East Kildonan School Board and the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Alphonsus have reached a mutual agreement under which the St. Alphonsus School will become a Public School under the administration of the East Kildonan School Board, it has just been announced.

The Parish is taking care of the operating costs of the building and all present or future debt charges and has agreed to stand all costs. In return, the Parish will receive the amount of the Legislative Grants earned by St. Alphonsus School and paid to the School District by the province.

There are close to 210 resident children attending the school, and if the school was forced to close, due to financial reasons, the district would have to provide the needed accommodation, which would mean an increase in taxation. Under the agreement, the district will not have to provide any money other than the Legislative Grants received from the province and earned by St. Alphonsus School.

The committee from St. Alphonsus Parish and the members of the East Kildonan School Board are in full agreement, and the plan has been approved by all authorities concerned.

The members of the East Kildonan Council were also consulted, and they are also in favor of this plan.

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St. Alphonsus School Exercises



Front Row: Donald Godfred, Rodney Resch, Peter Wallace, Dominic Beaudry, Andriea Nieroda, Jim Falloon. Back Row: Christine Beauchamp, Maria Mohr, Mary Ann McDonald, Allan Cox, Jo Anne Opitz, Gloria Randall.

On June 16th at 3 P.M. closing exercises began with a Mass for the Grade 6 Class, at which Father Phelan officiated. Certificates of promotion were distributed to deserving students. A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of awards for those who were outstanding in specific areas. Award winners were as follows: Redemptorist Father's Award for class spirit was won by Christine Beauchamp and Allan Cox. The School Board Award for Academic

Achievement was won by Donald Godfred and Gloria Randall.

The Knights of Columbus Award for Courtesy in sports was won by Andriea Nieroda and Dominic Beaudry.

The Best Athlete Award was won by Jo Anne Opitz and Rodney Resch. The C.W.L. award for general improvement was presented to Mary Ann McDonald and Peter Wallace.

Anonymous Donor Award for Christian example was won by Maria Mohr and Jim Falloon.

Sister Yvette Smith a sister of St. Joseph who is doing Post Graduate work at Winnipeg General Hospital in Intensive Care was the guest speaker, her topic, 'Christian Education' was timely and inspirational.

The program closed with refreshments in the hall for the Grade 6 class, and for special guests and square dancing under the tutorship of Mr. Ted Kernoski who has been devoting his free time each week to instruction in this area.