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New Catholic Secondary School in Burlington To Be Dedicated

The newly formed Corpus Christi school community in north Burlington will celebrate the BLESSING and OFFICIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY of

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

5150 Upper Middle Road in Burlington

Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

School Principal, Mr. Stan Gajewski, is pleased to announce that the Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton, will officiate at this ceremony. Other dignitaries who will be attending to bring greetings include Ted Chudleigh, M.P.P. Halton; Gerry Townsend, Regional Manager, Toronto and Area Regional Office, Ministry of Education; Gary Carr, Chair of the Region of Halton; Mayor Cam Jackson, City of Burlington; Alice Anne LeMay, the Chair of the Halton Catholic District School Board; Dave McQuilkin and Angela Rocchi, the Co-Chairs of the Corpus Christi Catholic School Council and Estelle Dibu-Caiole, a Grade 11 student of the school and Prime Minister of the school's Student Council. Vice-Chair of the Halton Catholic District School Board and Burlington Trustee, Bob Van de Vrande, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for this event. A reception and open house of the new facility will follow.

The school is located at 5150 Upper Middle Road, east of Appleby Line and west of Burloak Drive, in the Orchard community of north Burlington. Construction of the school began in March, 2007 and was completed in September, 2008 - ready for the doors to open to 600 students in Grades 9 - 11.

This new Catholic secondary school has provided much needed accommodation relief to both Notre Dame and Assumption Catholic Secondary Schools.

Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary school was designed and project managed by Mekinda Snyder Inc., Architects and Planners. This state of the art three storey school was constructed by general trade's contractor Percon Construction. The design was based on the previous two constructed Catholic Secondary Schools with refinements based on Teacher/Principal/Consultants expertise and operational experience.

Corpus Christi School has an approximate area of 175,000 square feet and has capacity for 1,161 students. The school has been set back from the road due to natural gas and hydro right of ways, which provides a beautiful front green area. The exterior of the building is a brick and glass façade.

At the rear of the school an eight lane rubberized running track surrounds an artificial turf all weather sports field. The track and field area has energy efficient field lighting that will enable the facility to be used and permitted by community groups after school hours.

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The school community benefits from the main features of the school, which include a 350 seat theatre auditorium with an attached cosmetology room, a triple gymnasium with a wood floor, a 100 seat chapel, and a central three storey atrium to be used as a meeting and gathering place for the facility. The school also has a large cafeteria situated off the atrium with glass walls looking out on to the sports field area. Wood, auto and manufacturing shops are located at the east end of the building and each has its own dedicated teaching classroom. Some of the specialty classrooms include 7 computer labs, 6 science laboratories, 2 music rooms with attached practice rooms and a multi media communication laboratory. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning system is automated and has been designed for maximum efficiency and flexibility.

“The name of the new Catholic secondary school in Burlington is significant as it emphasizes the commitment and beliefs of the school community as members of the Body of Christ”, explains school principal Stan Gajewski. “The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ’s Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday.”

The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated in Canada on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday. This year, it will be celebrated on June 14.

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