

## Sacred Heart dedicates Early Childhood Center

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Kingston — A dedication ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new Early Childhood Center at Sacred Heart Elementary School in Kingston was held Sunday, Sept. 30. Sister Ann Therese Connolly, CDP, Principal of Sacred Heart Elementary welcomed those in attendance, inviting them to “celebrate this new beginning for Sacred Heart schools.” Sister Marilyn CDP, representing the leadership team of the Congregation of Sisters of Divine Providence, provided a brief historical overview of the congregation’s educational ministry in Plymouth and Kingston, acknowledging the “vision, inspiration, perseverance and hope exemplified by the sisters.” A blessing of the building was given by the Rev. Bryan Parrish, pastor of St. Family Church in Duxbury and a member of the Advisory Board at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Key participants in the Early Childhood Center building project were recognized, including Design Partnership of Cambridge Inc., Bufftree Building Company Inc., Daylor Consulting Group, Emerald Excavating Company Inc., Sister Lydia Steele and Citizens Bank.

A brief overview of the Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center capital campaign was provided by Anna Marini, President of Cedar Fences, and co-chairperson of the campaign. “We are both humbled and inspired by the enthusiasm and generosity of those who are supporting the capital campaign”, she said. “And while we still have much hard work ahead to achieve our goal, we are very hopeful.” The more than 100 guests in attendance toured the new school and enjoyed a buffet luncheon.

“Together”, Principal Sister Ann Therese said, “we have designed for children a place of quality being and learning, while our mission of spirituality and education continues, so as to create a better world”.

The 20,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art early learning center, designed with a colorful “building blocks” theme, houses kindergarten classrooms, two preschool classrooms, an all-purpose cafetorium, offices, workspace, storage, and an outdoor area. An after-school program is also provided at the new facility for Sacred Heart students in kindergarten through grade 2. The Early Childhood Center is located adjacent to Sacred Heart Elementary School on Bishops Highway.

Sacred Heart Elementary School is an independent Catholic elementary school that is part of the K-12 educational ministry of the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

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