



Lowell Catholic Celebrates Xaverian Sponsorship

Students, parents, alumni, and friends filled the Keith Gymnasium February 4 to celebrate the completion of Lowell Catholic's Xaverian Sponsorship. The morning began with mass celebrated by Fr. Arthur Coyle, the Episcopal Vicar of the Merrimack Region and a member of the Lowell Catholic Board of Trustees. Fr. Richard Erickson, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of Boston, delivered the homily. Brother Lawrence Harvey, General Superior of the Brothers, addressed the congregation and welcomed Lowell Catholic to the Network.



The theme of the mass was the Lowell Catholic motto: Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow. LC students carried in symbols of each of the Legacy Schools: Keith Academy, Keith Catholic, Keith Hall, St. Louis, St. Joseph, and St. Patrick. They were followed by representatives from Malden Catholic, St. John's High School, St. John's Prep, Xaverian Brothers High School, and Xavier High School who brought in symbols of their respective schools. The procession also included seven Xaverian Brothers from around the region.

The Brothers had been absent from Lowell since Keith Academy graduated its final class in 1970. Forty years later it was clear that they are glad to be back. Many of the Brothers in attendance either taught at or attended Keith Academy. After mass, the Brothers hosted a reception in the McNamara Hall auditorium for donors and honored guests, including Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Boston, Mary Grassa O'Neill, and former Lowell mayors Richard Howe and Brendan Fleming. The students of Lowell Catholic were rewarded for their part in the Xaverian Brothers Sponsorship when Cardinal Sean granted them a day off.

For more information on Xaverian Brothers sponsored schools, please visit <http://www.xbss.org/html/whoweare.html>.

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