



OFFICIAL OPENING & BLESSING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2000
2:00 P.M.



"Together in our Shepherd's Care"



Peterborough Victoria
Northumberland and Clarington
Catholic District School Board



JOE Whibbs

*Message from the
Board Chairperson*

When I stop to consider a new school, I do so from a variety of perspectives. As a member of the Catholic District School Board, I see the opening of Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School as the fruition of a lot of good planning, hard work, and problem solving, and I am proud of my colleagues. As a parent, I see it as a sign of the importance that this community places on educating our children, and I am grateful. Imagining Good Shepherd through the eyes of a student, I see something new and full of promise, and it leaves me enthused about learning.

Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School is all of those things; it's a matter of perspective. The common denominator that links them all is that each, regardless of perspective, makes an important contribution; each plays a role. In that sense, we can all be justifiably proud. The faith community has joined together in the making of Good Shepherd, and remains together to help it to fulfill its promise.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Whibbs'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

Joe Whibbs, Board Chairperson



MIKE LANGLOIS

*Message from the
Director of Education*

Education is a dynamic environment these days. From funding challenges to the implementation of new curriculum, educational issues provide a lot of news. The opening of a school is news, too. A celebration to mark the event provides some important balance; we are reminded that beyond the challenges we face our education system is alive and well (and growing!).

The headline is “Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School is Open for Business.” However, like most news the real story is in the details, like the many people across the community who commit expertise and energy toward making this school a reality. The caring and determination that a community musters in support of a new school may not make the front page, but is the backbone of a story worth telling.

The opening of Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School is good news. I invite you to share it with us, and to lend your continued support as together we write the story that this fine new school will tell in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Langlois". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Langlois, Director of Education



MOST REVEREND JAMES L. DOYLE

Dear friends of our Catholic schools:

It is always a momentous occasion when we come together to bless a new Catholic school. The blessing of a school places, in a special way, its staff and students, and its curriculum and activities under the aegis of Christ. This means His Gospel must influence every area of school life. It underlines the dignity and worth of every person involved in the life of the school. May your new school be indeed Christ-centred, bringing His love and His truth alive in the hearts and lives of all who come here.

My very best wishes to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James L. Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

Most Reverend James L. Doyle, D.D.
Bishop of Peterborough



SUE VANDERKWAAK

*Message from the
Principal*

A new school for the Jubilee Year!
What a great reason to celebrate!

We journey into the Millennium as the largest elementary school in our Board and face the many challenges which a new school brings. Building a strong Catholic community and setting new traditions that will become the identity of Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School are our main goals.

Although the school building was delayed, we have so very much for which to be proud. Already a leader in sports and community service, the staff and students are working hard to build a community of committed learners.

Students, do your best to expand your mind through exploration, inquiry, and research. Love God with all your heart and respect this precious gift of life. The world of opportunity is yours.

Parents, support your children and their teachers. Enable them to be independent life-long learners and share your faith with them at every opportunity for that is the best gift you can give your child.

Clergy, keep us focused on our Creator. Be our role models and guides.

Staff, treat our students as you would want your own children to be treated. Challenge them to be the best they can be. Remember always that our students come first.

As we grow and learn together in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we face the future with great hope and joy.

S. Vanderkwaak

Sue Vanderkwaak, Principal



THEME

*"Together in our
Shepherd's Care"*

To officially commemorate our beginning, Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School gives voice to this theme:

*"God's Flock is in Your Midst,
Give it a Shepherd's Care."*

We draw inspiration from this phrase, and believe it sends a couple of important messages to the community of Good Shepherd.

First, the notion of a shepherd tending his flock pays homage to Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that, in speaking of his own vocation as shepherd, Jesus referred to his vigilance, caring, and closeness to his own flock. The name of this school, and the chosen theme naturally call our faith to mind. God's word, and through Jesus his example, is always present within Catholic Education, and so will be at Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School.

Second, the literal description of a shepherd serves to proclaim the responsibility of all educators – to protect, provide, and champion – to lead. In choosing the name Good Shepherd, we herald to this school community our vow not just to educate but to care for and support those in our charge. Our flock is God's flock, and we will keep it ever close.

Program of Celebration

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Joe Neal, Trustee

Processional	“Green Hills of Tyrol” Piper Colin Campbell Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Mr. Stan Petric, Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Honour Guard 4th Degree Honour Guard, St. Therese Council 11709
“O’Canada”	Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School Junior/Intermediate Choir
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. Joe Neal, Trustee PVNC Catholic District School Board
Opening Prayer	Reverend Danilo Quiray, Parish Priest Saint Therese Parish, Courtice
Lord’s Prayer	Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School Junior/Intermediate Choir Directed by: Ms. Mary Anne Allain, Gr. 5 Teacher Ms. Vera Ferreri, Gr. 1 Teacher Ms. Chuma Mwanang’onze, Gr. 1 Teacher Ms. Maureen Potts, Gr. 5 Teacher
Official Blessing	Most Reverend James L. Doyle Bishop of Peterborough
Entertainment	“Jesus, Shepherd” Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School Junior/Intermediate Choir
Greetings	Mr. Alex Shepherd, M.P. Durham Constituency Mr. John O’Toole, M.P.P. Durham Constituency Ms. Jane Rowe, Councillor Municipality of Clarington Sister Joan Driscoll Sisters of St. Joseph Ms. Sandra Morson, Education Officer Ministry of Education Ms. Cathy Kallo, Chairperson Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School

Program of Celebration

Greetings	CONTINUED	Mr. Joe Whibbs, Chairperson PVNC Catholic District School Board Miss Natasha Evelyn and Miss Hailey Goguen Students Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School
Dance and Enactment		“Growth of Our New School” to the Disney music – “Celebrate the Future Hand in Hand” Written by: Ms. Christine DeCourcy, Gr. 8 Teacher Choreographed by: Ms. Mary Anne Allain, Gr. 5 Teacher Ms. Christina Maschas-Hammond, E.S.L. Teacher Ms. Karen Kozma, Gr. 4 Teacher
Official Ribbon Cutting		Bishop Doyle, Father Quiray, Father Adoptante, Sister Joan Driscoll, Joe Neal, Alex Shepherd, John O’Toole, Jane Rowe, Sandra Morson, Cathy Kallo, Joe Whibbs, Mike Langlois, Sue Vanderkwaak, Millet Salter, Anne Scott Official Ribbon Cutter: Darren Richard, Gr. 8 Student
Key Ceremony		Mr. Millet Salter, Architect Salter Farrow Pilon Architects Inc. Ms. Anne Scott, Contractor Bradscot (MCL) Ltd. Mr. Mike Langlois, Director of Education PVNC Catholic District School Board Ms. Sue Vanderkwaak, Principal Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School
Closing Remarks		Mr. Joe Neal, Trustee PVNC Catholic District School Board
Closing Song		“I Will Follow the Good Shepherd” Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School Junior/Intermediate Choir
Closing Prayer		Reverend Henry Adoptante, Parish Priest St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Courtice
Adjournment		Refreshments, School Tours and Book Dedication

Good SHEPHERD

Jesus said to the Pharisees: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.”

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will not listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

“For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Jesus speaks of his own vocation as one of vigilance, caring and closeness to his sheep. His shepherding goes beyond his immediate flock and embraces the whole world. His mission is to lay down his life for all, to bring the whole human family into unity and communion with God.

Good Shepherd CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY School

STATISTICS

COMPLETION DATE

October 2000

LOCATION

20 Farmington Drive, Courtice

SIZE

64,808 ft.²

CONTRACTOR

Bradscot (MCL) Ltd.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

\$7,988,706

ACCOMMODATIONS

665 Pupil Places

1 Chapel

2 Guidance Rooms

20 Regular Classrooms

1 Library/Resource Centre

1 General Purpose Room with Kitchen

1 Health Room

1 Special Education Room

2 Kindergarten Rooms

1 Resource Withdrawal Room

1 General Office

1 Academic Work Room

Good Shepherd CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School is substantial. Our 20 regular classrooms, 3 kindergartens, 2 guidance rooms, 1 special education room, chapel, library and assorted office and maintenance spaces support 665 pupil placements. This school represents a significant resource to young learners who are thirsty for knowledge as they pursue a future full of potential. There is room here for growth.

Yet, despite our size, it is intimacy that defines this school. As our name signifies, the staff and students here enjoy a close relationship that transcends physical environment. Of course, this school has been designed to keep our faith close at hand (and near to heart) and the spirit soars throughout this expansive structure. Those engaged in the learning experience within Good Shepherd are close to one another, surrounded by a nurturing staff and constantly in touch with their faith.

Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School may grow; but we will never outgrow the individual student. Regardless of how large our flock is, we will embrace growth on a personal level, one student at a time.

We will provide "... a Shepherd's Care."

Good Shepherd CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL STAFF

Sue Vanderkwaak.....	Principal
Heather Hebert	Vice-Principal
Lisa Urban.....	Secretary
Anne VanHoof.....	Secretary
Carol Ayres.....	JK/SK
Paula McDaniel.....	JK/SK
Lisa Moore	JK/SK
Vera Ferreri.....	Grade 1
Chuma Mwanang'onze.....	Grade 1
Lisa Reader	Grade 1
Joanne King.....	Grade 2
Charlene MacDonald	Grade 2
Michelle Rodriguez.....	Grade 2
Michael Ryan	Grade 2
Kelly Armstrong	Grade 3
Sandra Clark-Chaisson	Grade 3
Jennifer Devuno	Grade 3
Nidia Coelho.....	Grade 4
Karen Kozma.....	Grade 4
Sandra Lynch.....	Grade 4
Mary Anne Allain.....	Grade 5
Shauna Connelly	Grade 5
Maureen Potts	Grade 5
Jeannie Heffernan.....	Grade 6
Mary Nacu	Grade 6
Colleen Shaughnessy	Grade 6
David Noble.....	Grade 7
Frank Ritchie.....	Grade 7
Renee Clark.....	Grade 8
Christine DeCourcy	Grade 8
Kellie Brownson	Special Education
Heather Hogan.....	Special Education
Hetty Powell.....	Special Education
Christina Maschas-Hammond.....	E.S.L.
Angele Haentges.....	Core French
Louise Roy	Core French
Alicja Drabrowski.....	Core French
Nancy Alston.....	Library Assistant
Lucille Hendricks	Educational Assistant
Heiki Polley	Educational Assistant
Barb Walsh	Educational Assistant
Grace deVerteuil.....	Educational Assistant
Jennifer Gil.....	Educational Assistant
Kim Nickle.....	Educational Assistant
Gillian O'Connell	Educational Assistant
Wendy Skan	Educational Assistant
Mike O'Brien	Custodian
Andrew Mackey.....	Custodian
Perry Wozniak	Custodian

INTRODUCING OUR LOGO ...



AND SCHOOL ILLUSTRATION



Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School, Cortice

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