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MCAULEY BLESSES NEW DINING HALL

Mother McAuley Chairman of the Board Laura Shallow '75 and the Board of Trustees gathered with distinguished members of the community for a high tea to rededicate and bless the new McAuley Dining Hall. At the high tea were members of the Sisters of Mercy, friends and honored guests, alumnae and McAuley administration, faculty and staff.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Sister Lois Bromark, SSJ, TOSF, led the blessing of the Dining Hall, senior Anna VanDeKerchove read a special passage and prayer, and representatives of the community joined in the ribbon cutting. Performing at the event were the Mother McAuley A Cappella Choir and McAuley Strings Ensemble. Chairman Laura Shallow recognized all those who were instrumental in completing this project including Fox & Fox Architects, Lombard Construction Company and Services Unlimited Co.

Over the summer, McAuley undertook an ambitious remodeling project to renovate the cafeteria, student lounge and bookstore. The primary focus of the renovation was to create a comfortable dining venue and enhance the ambiance and student life and Mother McAuley.

“The cafeteria and student lounge are two heavily utilized areas,” said President/Principal Dr. Christine Melone. “By creating an updated, welcoming space in this main section of our school, we maximize the benefit to student, teachers, parents, alumnae and guests alike, and we continue our long tradition of hospitality, one of the central charisms of the Sisters of Mercy.”

The renovation included new flooring, wall coverings, and lighting. In addition, the West Gym was retrofitted for central air conditioning.



John J. Fox III of Fox & Fox Architects, McAuley Chairman of the Board Laura Shallow '75, President/Principal Dr. Christine Melone, Vice President of Academic Affairs Sister Lois Bromark, SSJ, TOSF and George Lombard of Lombard Construction Company gathered for the blessing of Mother McAuley's Dining Hall.



President/Principal Dr. Christine Melone and Chairman of the Board Laura Shallow (center) are joined by McAuley community members (left to right) alumna Denise Fleming Toussaint, John Scully, Cathy Glancey Scully and John J, Fox III for the new Dining Hall ribbon cutting.