

Archbishop of Omaha Elden Francis Curtiss said at the St. Gerald's school addition blessing and dedication ceremony that he was grateful for the work put into making the middle school a reality.

He said the Archdiocese is truly dedicated to Catholic education in its high schools and elementary schools because it's the best opportunity to reach children.

Teachers can show children, teens and young adults how to integrate Jesus in their lives.

"So I congratulate you that you have accomplished this," Curtiss said.

Curtiss, Superintendent of Catholic Schools the Rev. James Gilg, St. Gerald's pastor, the Rev. Gary Olander, Principal Dave Garland, St. Gerald students and other guests then blessed the new addition during the ceremony last Sunday.

In the final blessing, Curtiss said the new space should teach the words of truth and enlighten the minds that will learn what is good in God.

The new addition is made up of a new Carole Manders Media Center , science laboratory, expanded computer lab and front offices. The school is now handicapped accessible with security features.

It was also announced by U.S. Congressman Lee Terry that he would donate an American flag that currently flies in Washington D.C.

Terry said there are many symbols around us, such as a cross, but an American flag is just as important.

Garland said he's excited about it all and he senses a new mood in the building.

"We're more of a whole school now," he said. "A whole community."

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