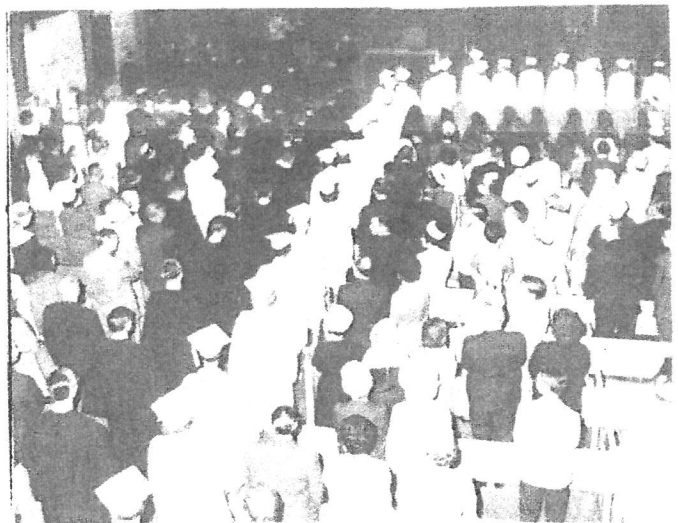


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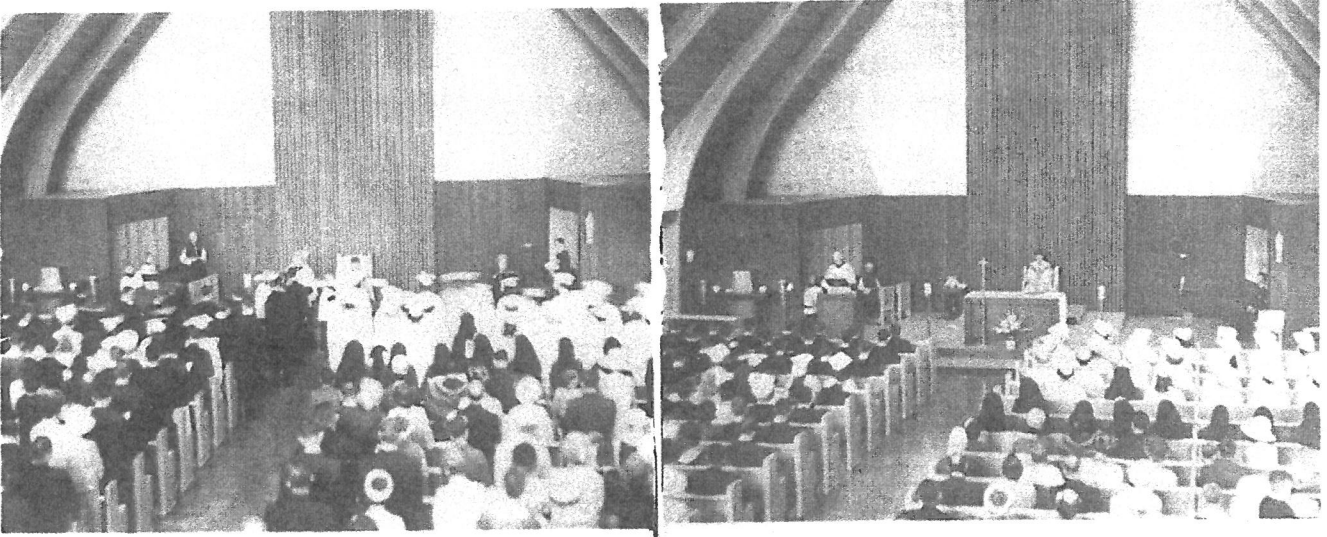


The Graduates at Mass



Receiving of Diplomas

THE MASS



HOMILY

Flames fascinate and gazing at flames as they flicker, almost die, and then spring into life again, we find ourselves thinking about the past and the future.

Our graduates remember well the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated. There were tears in the eyes of many of our students that day. And the grief felt by our students was felt throughout the world. The days of mourning were heavy with sorrow at the loss of a great man. An eternal

flame has been placed at his grave to remind the world of the ideals for which he lived. But John F. Kennedy's life was a flame that was not extinguished by his death. The influence that he had on the world will live forever and guarantee him immortality. In an age when the values of the individual sometimes seems in danger of being swallowed up by huge schools, vast factories, and the spectre of automation, John F. Kennedy respected the "dignity, the liberty, and the rights of individuals." Mankind will remember him for this.

Perhaps we should think of J. F. K. as we consider the message of the Council Fathers of Vatican Two addressed to youth.

"For it is you who are to receive the torch from the hands of your elders and to live in the world at the period of the most gigantic transformations ever realized in history....It is for you, youth, especially for you that the Church now comes through her Council to enkindle your light, the light which illuminates the future, your future. The Church is

anxious that this generation that you are going to build up, should respect the dignity, the liberty, and the rights of individuals. These individuals, are you."

Perhaps each of us cannot exert as much influence as John F. Kennedy, but each of our lives can be a flame for, as the Christopher motto so aptly states, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

Father P. E. Otterson



THE BANQUET

Eugene D'Archangelo (President of the Student's Union) was the capable and gracious chairman for the Graduation Banquet which took place Sept. 10 at the Edmonton Inn. Honorary Guests at the head table were: Rev. Fr. Otterson, Mr. & Mrs. A. Heibert, Mr. & Mrs. Adamson, Rev. Fr. Crough, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Feehan, Rev. Sr. Lillian (principal).

Guests were served a Turkey Banquet at tables set for ten. At the conclusion of the meal, after the special guests were introduced, Richard Davison delivered the Valedictory. Arden Alpaugh and Butch Hughes were presented with medals awarded to them by a vote of the graduates for showing leadership and school spirit. Mr. Adamson then introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Bernard Feehan, Chairman of the School Board. Before the banquet ended, Rev. Fr. Crough, St. Michael's Parish, extended congratulations to the Graduates and then said the closing grace.

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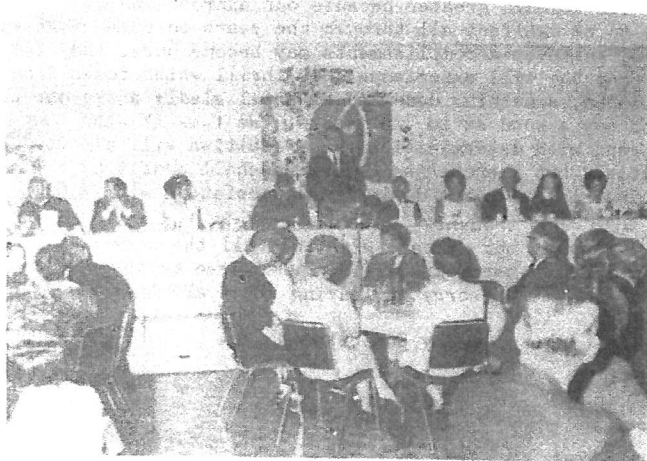
Students graduating today should seriously examine the possibility for service in politics.

Catholic graduates have a contribution to make to society because they are Catholics. A Catholic education should equip students to do their part in changing the world for the better.

There is much good will and tolerance on the part of non-Catholics which we should return in order to foster unity and peace. Catholics should work with others who are involved in projects for the common good.

Bernard Feehan

Chairman of the School Board



VALEDICTORY

Tonight we gather on a most pleasant occasion, tinged perhaps with a touch of sadness.

We are a group of friends, fellow students, meeting on the most friendly terms with those who have been our instructors for the past three years. We have just received a document that will for the rest of our lives, testify to our proficiency and application during our high school days.

This is stimulating indeed and yet this is the last opportunity we shall have to assemble as students. This being our final assembly let us look back over the road we have just travelled and draw from that experience some conclusions to aid us in the future.

Three years ago we entered this seat of learning a trifle nervous, it is true and somewhat doubtful about our immediate outlook as students. We acquired confidence and appear to have taken several necessary and important steps toward a successful future.

Our benefits have been twofold: we have secured that education for which we sought admission and a training that will stand us in good stead throughout life.

Other benefits of lesser but of essential importance are such things as the ability to get along one with the other.

To understand better the word sportsmanship and to have a clearer appreciation of the rewards which accrue to perseverance and application. I refer to those intangible benefits, that mark for good one's character and one's emotions.

Those of us who perhaps somewhat skeptically and even somewhat cynically entered this school three years ago have learned today that there is a reward for effort and only real effort produces a genuine reward.

With Longfellow we can now say and mean:

"The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight
But they while their companions slept
Were toiling upwards in the night."

Yes, our rewards have indeed been many and varied.

All this naturally turns our thoughts to those who have played such an important part in our achievements.

I refer of course, to our parents and teachers. What a task they must have had! What patience, tolerance and perseverance they have exemplified. To all of them and for all of us may I just say a word. Emerson must have thought of parents and teachers when he wrote, "The reward of a thing well done is to have done it." If that be true then they have earned their reward because they have certainly finished the task they so valiantly undertook some years ago and yet I feel that their reward will be even greater because our expressions of gratitude will continue to be manifest all through the years to come. What success we may achieve, whatever accomplishments may become ours, they too shall participate, they too will experience that thrill which comes from something accomplished, something done and we shall gladly share our triumph with them, and now a word as to the future. We face it with optimism. With courage, and with determination. Our ambition will almost surely take us far afield but wherever we may be we shall profit by the influence of the principles acquired during our association with A.O'E. May I just close with this thought. We leave tonight but our places will soon be filled. It is our sincere wish that all the warm and valuable experiences which have been ours will in due course be theirs. When their turn comes may they be as sorry in leaving as we are this evening.

May God Bless Us All

