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Malden Catholic partners with Timberline Construction and Scalora for expansion project

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Malden, MA Malden Catholic (MC) presented major expansion plans for its academic and athletic programs. By partnering with Timberline Construction and Scalora Consulting Group, MC broke ground on May 9th for an academic and athletic facility located across the street from Malden Catholic at 50 Crystal St. This expansion will introduce a 7th and 8th grade program, tentatively scheduled to open for students in September 2025, pending any unforeseen delays or adjustments. MC will accept 100 students in its 7th grade and 100 students in its 8th grade. This development aims to build upon the 40% growth in enrollment observed over the past five years and the success of MC's codivisional model. Next year's high school enrollment is anticipated to surpass 900 students.

President John Thornburg made the announcement during Malden Catholic's 18th Annual Gala

Celebration on April 6th, unveiling the launch of the capital campaign, Our Essential Future – A Campaign for Malden Catholic.

“We are excited to announce the first major campus expansion since Malden Catholic relocated to Crystal St. more than 55 years ago – a milestone moment that will enhance the MC experience for our students, faculty/staff, and the community,” said Thornburg. “In addition to expanding and modernizing our campus, we are advancing our mission by extending the Xaverian Brothers’ educational experience to 7th and 8th grade students. This expansion will lay a strong foundation, facilitating the transition into MC’s college-preparatory high school programs. When I accepted this position at Malden Catholic five years ago, I was excited about our growth potential due to our unique codivisional model and the board’s decision to invest in a 1.6-acre property across the street. This announcement marks the next major phase in realizing our vision to grow our remarkable school. As we embark on this next chapter in the MC story, we are grateful to our many supporters, including our dear friend, mentor, and generous benefactor, the late Joe O’Donnell ’62, who served as co-chair of the campaign before his passing in January 2024.”

The 70,000 s/f building will include classrooms and lab spaces, a dining hall and office facilities to support administrative needs and student services. The athletic facility will include a 30,000 s/f indoor turf field, a 6,000 s/f basketball court, wellness center and weight room.

The Biomedical Engineering lab will facilitate the addition of more biomedical classes within MC’s Project Lead the Way Program. Dedicated classrooms for entrepreneurship and financial literacy will also be added to expand the growth of MC’s Business Program.

The capital campaign – Our Essential Future – A Campaign for Malden Catholic - has a goal of \$40 million, which will serve to fund construction at 50 Crystal St. and increase scholarship support for students. The campaign is off to a strong start with impressive support from the MC community.

The Our Essential Future Campaign recognizes the combined 180 years of outstanding educational services and faith formation provided to students from Malden and surrounding communities by the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Xaverian Brothers. It aims to ensure that future generations will have the opportunity for an exceptional Catholic high school experience at Malden Catholic.

Jim and Bev Donovan, long-time benefactors to the school, have provided a \$5 million lead gift to the Campaign. Jim, who served for over 20 years as a Trustee at MC, including the last 10 years as board chair, will now serve as co-chair of the campaign. He has been instrumental in every major strategic initiative during his tenure and played a crucial role in formulating plans for the campus expansion.

In a statement, Jim Donovan expressed his hopes: “As non-graduates, Bev and I hope our lead gift inspires the many thousands of men and women privileged to hold an MC or Girls Catholic diploma. This gift honors my father’s service to the school as a custodian in the 50s and 60s, where he mentored many students and was a beloved friend and confidant of many Xaverian Brothers. It also honors my sister Elaine’s service as a School Sister of Notre Dame. We strongly believe that the

young men and women of Malden, Medford, Everett, Revere, and the surrounding communities served by MC deserve the best educational platform and athletic facilities, and that the campus expansion at 50 Crystal Street will be truly transformative for them. It is our hope that the entire MC community will join us in making this a reality.”

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