Cornerstone Removed from St. Michael’s Convent

The old St. Michael’s convent in Crowley, which housed the Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament for many years, and in recent times provided classroom space for St. Michael’s Elementary school, is being torn down. The decision to tear the building down was reached because it was too expensive to remodel it, according to Father Fred Swenson, pastor of St. Michael’s Parish. A fire several years ago also helped to make such restoration impractical and impossible. After the building is demolished, the space will be used for playground and parking space.

In the picture on the right, looking at some of the contents of the cornerstone, when it was opened before the tearing down began, are, from left, Father Fred Swenson, pastor; Sister M. Louis, long-time faculty member; now retired; and Sister Deanna Fouin, M.H.S., major superior of the Most Holy Sacrament sisters. The contents included a 1902 copy of the Crowley Signal, some 1902 coins and religious medals, a list of the participants including Father Peter van Allen, then pastor of St. Michael’s.

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