Dedication of the new St. Bernard High School will be held on Sunday, March 5th, at 4:30 p.m., followed by a Solemn Mass with Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of Lafayette officiating.

Assisting the Bishop as deacon and sub-deacon of the Mass will be Father Fernando Roy, former assistant of St. Bernard and now pastor of St. Joseph’s Church of Parks, and Father James A. Wright, assistant pastor of St. Bernard. Very Reverend Monsignor Ignatius A. Martin, Diocesan School Board Superintendent and pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Church in Abbeville will deliver the sermon.

The realization of the new parochial two story school building was made possible through contributions from the people of the parish. It is built of masonry and pressed concrete, completely fire proof at a cost of $400,000, including equipment. Bob Angelle of Breaux Bridge was the general contractor and the firm of Architects Burke, LeBreton and Lamantia of New Orleans designed the school. It was started in May 1958 and opened for occupancy for the September school session.

It has 13 classrooms, a science laboratory, a library, a home economics department (not yet fully equipped) a teacher’s lounge, a cafeteria, a principal’s office, and a pavilion for rainy days, all under one roof. A gym with a seating capacity of 300 is connected by a covered walk extending to the bus stop for loading and unloading.

It is staffed by eight Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament and five lay teachers. Sister Mary Teresita is the principal. There are 332 pupils and 20 in kindergarten.

This new school replaces the one first established as a public school by Father Antoine Boriaz, pastor in 1891 and taught by the same order of Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament then known as the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. It continued as a public school until 1905 when Father J. M. Langlois, pastor, arranged for the operation of the school as St. Bernard Parochial School, Father George J. Braquet is now the present pastor.

A supper will follow for the priests, architects, contractors and other school officials.