

## **St. John the Baptist Junior and Senior Boys' National School**

### **Building Bulletin #7**

You are all most welcome to our dedication ceremony which marks a special day for the two schools. This is the culmination of work which started in 1978 and was carried on by countless parents, staff, priests and others – we name two, Ken Moriarty and the late Mgr. Patrick Devine, as representative of the many. We are grateful to all who have contributed to the success of the project, every member of a board of management, parents' association, teacher, design team member, builder, contractor, Department official, public representative, member of the Education Secretariat of the Dublin Diocese, donor, neighbour and friend.

The project required great co-operation as what are in effect two new schools were built while the c750 students, teachers and other members of staff continued as normal. Not a day of teaching was lost during the building work and we will probably see a higher than usual batch of engineers, architects and builders emerge from Clontarf in the coming years! Midland Construction and its contractors were conscious of working in a school environment and helped us by phasing work to match school needs. Neighbours endured traffic disruption, noise and other inconveniences. Our friends in the Girls Schools and Clontarf GAA helped us out with facilities and extra time on the astro when some of our areas were out of action.

The project has been a great success and provides a modern physical infrastructure in which to give our boys world class education, imbued with the Catholic ethos of respect for others, development of the whole person and a strong sense of community. We hope that these St John the Baptist Schools will continue to be "bright and shining light[s]" for bringing out the best in our young men of the future.

Kevin Hoy, John O'Sullivan, Tim O'Mahony and Frankie Byrne