Cardinal O’Malley Visit to New Horizons

January 30, 2015

*Bill Cummings had the honor of offering welcoming remarks when Cardinal Seán Patrick O’Malley said Mass at New Horizons at Marlborough.*

**Bill Cummings’ Remarks**

This Mass will begin in just a few minutes at 1 PM.

It is a special pleasure for me to welcome so many of you here today. For those of you who do not know me, I am Bill Cummings, and I had the special joy of converting this property from its abandoned former uses to create our New Horizons at Madonna Hall.

Today, with the very special presence of Cardinal Sean O’Malley and four concelebrants of this Mass, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd here in Marlborough. We thank them for the wonderful work they have done and continue to do.

It was Sister Euphrasia and Sister Helene Hayes, 23 years ago who taught me that, while we can really own our work and our professions, and certainly we can own things like our personal reputations, how can anyone really own land? It makes so much more sense when we think of ourselves as *caretakers* of the land, and then try to do the right things to make good use of it.

We will also celebrate New Horizons’ 23rd year in Marlborough in a few more months, and we are so grateful for everyone here being such an important part of this very strong non-sectarian New Horizons presence. “New Horizons is Home,” and no more so than here in this beautiful Cardinal Cushing Chapel.

**Please let your voices be really heard** as we welcome His Eminence with today’s joyous entrance hymn – Sing a New Song.