

VCA holds building dedication

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HIBBING — Victory Christian Academy (VCA) students Friday used song to welcome a gymnasium packed with guests to the dedication ceremony for their school's new building.

The purpose of the event was to honor the school's move into the former St. Leo's School and Catholic Church building, which took place last fall. It's set to graduate its first group of seniors since the big move later this month.

VCA School Board Chair David Arndt said he's happy the school has finally found a new home.

"We're blessed to have this building," he said. "We're here because God wanted us to be. We're dedicating this building to him and to the purpose he wants — the education of our students."

Principal Jo Terska said the search for a permanent place to teach the school's students was long and hard.

"We've always wanted a building of our own," she said. "... We're going to cherish every moment here."

Mayor Rick Cannata and Hibbing Chamber of Commerce President Lory Fedo each shared a few words with students, staff and the board.

Aaron Reini, a pastor at Abundant Life Church, has four kids who attend VCA.

"I just love this place," he said. "It's got a unique culture of honor, love and respect for one another from preschool to secondary students."

Parent Karin Erickson agreed.

"Our presence in this building is testimony to the power of prayer," she said. "We've been able to give this community — these kids — a school that wants to partner with others to grow in both faith and integrity."

Following everyone's personal testimony, the Rev. Ronald Anderson gave the dedication prayer before presenting Terska with the school's dedication plaque.



Board chair: 'We're blessed'

Tony PotterThe Rev. Ronald Anderson gives the dedication prayer Friday at Victory Christian Academy.

The event concluded with a ribbon cutting conducted by the Hibbing Chamber of Commerce.