

Education Development Center dedicated



Monsignor Vincent Horkan offers a blessing for the new Education Development Center during dedication ceremonies at Madonna College.



Chris Hause of Farmington (left) gives an eye test to Faye Craigie of Livonia during the Education Development Center open house.

ABOUT 100 community members and local dignitaries participated in dedication ceremonies for Madonna College's Education Development Center Jan. 20.

The 12,000-square-foot facility will house a teacher-education program and a children's learning center.

The center, built as an addition to the college's Administration Building, cost more than \$1.2 million and took nine months to complete.

Funding for the facility came from gifts, grants and a \$150,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation.

"The trustees, administrators and faculty and staff of Madonna College are most grateful for the loyalty and support of our friends," said Sister Mary Francilene, Madonna's president.

"Due to their most generous contributions, Madonna College is able to continue its ministry to higher education."

Present for the dedication, among others, were Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett.

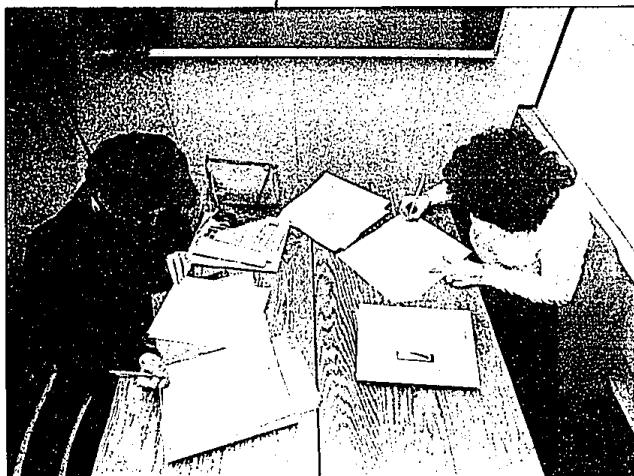
PART OF the center will be used to educate teachers in response to the anticipated shortage of qualified instructors.

The children's center, for students in elementary, middle and secondary schools, is designed to help pupils who have difficulty studying and learning.

Also included in the center are college tutorial programs, conference rooms, staff offices and classrooms.

The door to each room bears a plaque with the name of a benefactor. Madonna College was founded 41 years ago by the Fellelian Sisters. It is the largest coed liberal arts college in southeastern Michigan.

It primarily serves the tri-county area and offers bachelor's and associate's degrees in more than 50 academic areas.



Education students Shawn Kokosinski (left) of Livonia studies with Kathy Petroosky of Farmington Hills in one of the Education Development Center's new student areas.

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