



His Excellency, the Rt. Reverend Bishop of Eshowe, Dr. Mansuet Dela Biyase, was the main celebrant of the solemn High Mass at Blessed Gérard's Church in Mandeni, South Africa.



The solemn High Mass was concelebrated by the parish priest of Mtunzini, Rev. Father Albert Herold O.S.B. (left) and Rev. Father Heribert Ruf O.S.B. from Inkamana Abbey (second from left).



(from left to right): 1. His Excellency, the Grand Commander of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Bailiff Frà Ludwig Hoffmann von Rumerstein, travelled all the way from Rome, the seat of the Order of Malta, to grant us the honour of personally opening Blessed Gérard's Children's Home and the Extensions to Blessed Gérard's Hospice. 2. Mrs. Nokuthula M. Thabethe, founder member and Director of Charity Works of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard. 3. Dr. Paul Z. T. Thabethe, founder member and Medical Superintendent of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard and 4. Mrs. Clare A. Kalkwarf, D.M., founder member and Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard



The founder and President of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard, Rev. Father Gérard T. Lagleder O.S.B., welcomed all the members and guests.



Father Gérard preaching.



The medals for the new members of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard being blessed by Fr. Gérard, assisted by Mrs. Kalkwarf.



The new members receive the medal of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard.



The Sovereign Council of the Order of Malta in Rome had decided to promote Mrs. Clare Kalkwarf in acknowledgement of her outstanding merits for the work of the Order of Malta in the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard from the rank of a "Donat of Devotion" to a "Dame of Magistral Grace".



The Grand Commander of the Order of Malta, who is the deputy of the Grand Master, conferred the Order's Cross on Mrs. Kalkwarf.



The Intercessory Prayers were offered by Dedicated members of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard, Dr. Thabethe, Fr. Gérard, Mrs. Kalkwarf and Mrs. Thabethe.



At the end of Holy Mass Fr. Bishop Mansuet blessed the new building of Blessed Gérard's Children's Home and the extension of Blessed Gérard's Hospice.



Bishop Biyase then went through Blessed Gérard's Hospice to bless all the enlarged wards.



Subsequently Bishop Biyase blessed the new building of Blessed Gérard's Children's Home.



Mrs. Clare Kalkwarf welcomed all members and guests at the Official Reception.



Some of the VIPs who attended the reception.



Some of the members of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard.



Some of the guests during the function.

Some of the major donors were acknowledged for their valued support: Whirlpool, Nampak, the South African Sugar Association, Loungefurn, SEC Electrical



Mrs. Pat Grimbeek from Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Umhlanga Rocks and VOC Investments, Verulam, raised the funds to finance 40 duvets and duvet covers, embroidered with the logo of Blessed Gérard's Children's Home, all the curtains and the decorating and furnishing of the playroom.



Mr. Erich Winkler of Loungeweave, iSithebe, handing over an enlarged cheque



Mrs. Melanie Jackson, the Public Affairs Officer of SAPPI Limited.



Mr. Mark Wassink from Round Table No. 81, Mandini, on behalf of the Round Tables of the Natal North Coast Area.



"Thank you for giving me the morning, ... thank you that I can know my worries can be cast on you ... thank you for all my friends and brothers ... thank you for every pleasure small ... thank you for them all!" sung by the children of Blessed Gérard's Children's Home in gratitude.



Frà Ludwig Hoffmann von Rumerstein officially opening the new building of Blessed Gérard's Children's Home and the extension of Blessed Gérard's Hospice and thanking all people involved.



Active members of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard expressing their joy and togetherness in song and dance.

The Badge of Honour of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard was conferred on:



Mrs. Caroline Beaumont



Rev. Father Albert Herold O.S.B. and



Mrs. Dorothy Wynne