



*Fr. Keith B. Kenny
Elementary School*



*Sacramento
City Unified
School District*



**Father Keith B. Kenny Elementary School
Ground Breaking Ceremonies**

November 22, 1991

***A Cooperative Venture between the Sacramento City Unified School District
and the City of Sacramento***

Musical Performance

Sacramento High School Marching Band
Ike Pagell, Director

Presentation of Colors

C.K. McClatchy Air Force Junior ROTC
Heather Flora, Cadet Commander

Welcome

Dr. Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent

Introduction of Guests

Dr. Robert Parker
Area Superintendent, Area V

Message from the Sacramento City Unified School District

Louise Perez
President, Board of Education

Community Representatives

Pat Dansby
Yia Yang

Tribute to Father Keith B. Kenny

The Most Reverend Bishop Francis Quinn
Father Jorge Moreno
Paula Galvez-Fox

Message from the City of Sacramento

Joe Serna, City Council, District 5

Board of Education

Louise Perez, President
Bill Camp, Vice President
JoAnn Yee, 2nd Vice President
Nancy Findeisen
Michelle Masoner
Ida A. Russel
Mary Wimberly
Shane Diller, Student Member

Ground Breaking Ceremony

Refreshments

Sacramento City Council

Ann Rudin, Mayor
Heather Fargo, District 1
Lyla K. Ferris, District 2
Josh Pane, District 3
Tom Chinn, District 4
Joe Serna, District 5
Kim Mueller, District 6
Terry Kaslaans, District 7
Lynn Robie, District 8

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3525 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Sacramento, California 95817*



October 28, 1993

The Dedication of a School to the Community

Father Keith B. Kenny Elementary School Home of the Scholars

THE HISTORY

THE CELEBRATION

THE STAFF

Father Keith B. Kenny Biography

Father Kenny was born in Omaha, Nebraska on January 2, 1925. He graduated from St. Francis Grammar School, Sacramento in 1938, Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento in 1942, and attended the California Maritime Academy, graduating in 1943. He served as a deck officer in the Merchant Marine during World War II.



After the war, he attended Sacramento City College, and the University of Santa Clara. He graduated from UC Berkeley with a dual major of English Literature and Philosophy. Father Kenny was ordained a priest in 1954.

Although not Hispanic, Father Kenny was an advocate for Spanish-speaking people, the poor, the disadvantaged and the oppressed. He was a well known Sacramento labor leader, a supporter of the United Farm Workers and a confidant of Cesar Chavez. He was involved with Martin Luther King Junior and Cesar Chavez in their struggles for justice.

On August 28, 1989 Sacramento City Unified School District selected the name of the Oak Park School.

Leadership: Patricia Dansby, Mikos Fabersunne, LaVada Barker, Rosalie Hagstrom
Original List of Supporters: Black Educators, Oak Park Project Area Committee, Councilman Joe Serna, Jr., Sacramento Area Black Caucus, First English Lutheran Church, Sacramento Observer, Immaculate Conception Church, Sacramento Urban League, McGeorge School of Law, St. Paul Baptist Church, NAACP, Trinity Baptist Church, United Christian Center, Oak Park Neighborhood Improvement, Women's Civic Center, Significant Contributors: KCR Channel 3 (Alice Scott), Sacramento Bee (Deb Kollars), Legal Services of Northern California (Karen Wells), US Department of Justice (William Briggs), Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly

May 27, 1986 - Sacramento City Unified School District, Board of Education approved boundary line adjustments and an enrichment program for students who would be in kindergarten through the sixth grade for the next school year lived in certain portions of the Bret Harte attendance area (only Oak Park Students). This change would be effective September 1986. June, 1986 - Acting Superintendent Frank E. Delavan sent letter to parents informing them of the boundary change. The Board of Education received both a verbal and written request for a neighborhood school to be built in Oak Park. August, 1986 - Support from businesses and a Petition was circulated to demonstrate the communities feelings of having an elementary school built in Oak Park. A Letter was sent to Superintendent Dr. Keith Larick expressing the concern and the petitions with 1,964 signatures were given to the Board of Education. Active lobbying for the school to be built began. April 10, 1989 - Superintendent Rudy Crew announced that a new school will be built in Oak Park. Nov. 22, 1991 - Father Keith B. Kenny Elementary School Ground Breaking Ceremony was held. Sept. 8, 1992 - Father Keith B. Kenny Elementary School opened housing students K-3 at Marion Anderson Elementary School and 4-6 in portables behind American Legion. May 19, 1993 - Teachers and students moved into the new school building. August 5, 1993 - The first day of School in our brand new facility.

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Dedication Ceremony

Greetings	Reverend Ephraim Williams Reverend John Marshall Bishop Francis Zulun
Morning Sing	Father Keith B. Kenny, Creativity Pod
Welcome & Introduction	Richard Owen, Principal
Expressions	Arturo Flores, Area Administrator
Resolution	Jo Ann Yee, President SCUSD, Board of Education
Resolution	Charles Miura, Interim Superintendent Sacramento City Unified School District
Expressions	Father Moreno and Father Lucas Senator Leroy Greene Supervisor Grantland Johnson
Expressions	Mayor Joe Serna Councilperson Debra Ortiz
Class Presentations	Third Grade Scholars First Grade Scholars Second Grade Scholars Fourth & Fifth Grade Scholars
Laotian Dancers	Oak Park Community Group
Presentation of Capsule	Scholar Jonathan Dansby
Students' Poetry	Sixth Grade Scholars
Closing Comments	Richard Owen, Principal

Tours of the campus will be given by Sixth Grade Guides, Resource Teachers Mertie Shelby, Jeanette Clark, Ann Lungren and Principal Richard Owen.

Receptions will be held in the Family Resource Center and the Multipurpose Room.

Current Staff Roster

Class Room Teachers

Paige Berry, 1st
 Eileen Boyd, 1st/2nd
 Ola Brown, Kindergarten
 Heather Carda, 3rd
 Carole Feddersen, 4th
 Jeanne Haidary, 4th
 Amy Hernandez, 1st
 Faye Howard, 1st
 Gail Johnson, 3rd
 Gina Johnson, Kindergarten
 Stephen Kirkish, 5th
 Lisa Lopez-Smith, 3rd
 Gwendolyn Miller, 4th/5th
 Frances Rice, 2nd
 Janet Scott, 6th
 Leota Sloan, 2nd
 Raeben Solis, Kindergarten
 Esther Thompson, 6th
 Peter Vega, 5th
 Tracy Williams, 3rd
 Mary Jo Young, 2nd

Aides

April Allen
 Barbara Beverly
 Xa Her
 Sou Sio Saephan
 Steven Tagawa
 Maricela Valencia-Keller
 Connie Vega

Children's Center

Edna Thorpe
 Glendell Benjamin

Resource Teachers

Jeanette Clark
 Ann Lundgren
 Mertie Shelby

Office Administration

Richard Owen, Principal
 Helena Forrester, Secretary
 Arlene Scuell, Clerk

Support Personnel

Mildred Hatcher, Counselor
 Paul Lee, Speech
 Sharon Wieland, Trainer

Community Liaison

Carolyn Lymas
 Gloria Swanigan

Plant Manager

Steve Vacek
 Norman Blackwell

Cafeteria

Belle Hall
 Glenda Hall
 Althea Holmes
 Kim Johnson
 Lupe Rodriguez
 Doreen Snyder

Original Staff



Mr.
Owen



Ms.
Broderick



Mrs.
Howard



Ms.
Hernandez



Mrs.
Berry



Mrs.
Carda



Ms.
Armitage



Mr.
Statum



Ms.
Lopez-Smith



Mrs.
Hertel



Mrs.
Brown



Mrs.
Haidary



Mrs.
Miller



Mrs.
Chapman



Ms.
Scott



Mrs.
Shelby



Mrs.
Jackson



Mrs.
Forrester



Ms.



Mrs.

Fr. Keith B. Kenny Elementary

Mr. Owen, Principal
 Staff

Special Thanks

William Ellerbee, Rod Comody, Parent Volunteers, LederWolff Culinary Academy, Taco Bell, Carls Junior, Black Police Officers, Sacramento Bee, Sacramento Urban League, Coco Cola Bottling Company, McGeorge School of Law, Pacific Gas & Electric, University of California Davis Medical Center, Oak Park MultiService Project Center, California State Department of Corrections, Pacific Bell, Britannica-The Lawrence Hall of Science, Christian Brothers Class of 1942

Father Keith B. Kenny Elementary School Dedication Committee

*Mertie Shelby, Chairperson
Janet Scott, Teacher
William Ellerbee, Area Administrator
Darlene Samuels, Parent
Patricia Dansby, Parent
Juanita Ontiveros
Helen Hewitt, City Council District 5
George Medovoy, Public Information*

*Richard Owen, Principal
Jeanette Clark, Teacher
Janice Wu, SCMSD
Father Larry Castagnola
Betty Jones, Grandparent
Joann Woodruff, Parent
Gina Montoya, Mayor's Office*



Resolution

of the City Council

HONORING FATHER KETH B. KENNY

WHEREAS, Father Keith B. Kenny was born in Omaha, Nebraska on January 2, 1925, graduating from St. Francis Elementary School in Sacramento in 1938 and Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Father Kenny attended the California Maritime Academy, graduating in 1943 after which he served as a deck officer in the Merchant Marine during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after the war he attended Sacramento City College and the University of Santa Clara and then graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a dual major of English Literature and Philosophy; and

WHEREAS, from 1948 to 1954 Father Kenny attended St. Patricks Seminary in Menlo Park and was ordained a priest in 1954; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 he assumed the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools (Sacramento Catholic) and Director of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), and in 1963 became the Administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and then served as its pastor from 1969 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Father Kenny was an advocate for Spanish-speaking people during his entire adult life working with his brother Tom Kenny, a well-known Sacramento labor leader as a strong supporter of the United Farm Workers and a confidant of Cesar Chavez; and

WHEREAS, in 1970 Father Kenny earned his masters degree in social work from California State University in Sacramento and served as director of the Off-Campus Experimental Program, working with ex-offenders; and

WHEREAS, Father Kenny served on numerous boards a few of which include the Air Pollution Control District Advisory Board; Chairperson, Sacramento County Policy Planning Commission; Lobbyist, Social Welfare Section, California Catholic (Bishops) Conference, Founding Member, Social Concerns Commission, Diocese of Sacramento; and Director, Office of Research and Planning, Sacramento Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Father Kenny died suddenly of a heart attack on December 20, 1983 at the age of 59 and upon his tombstone is engraved: "A Life of Love and Struggle for the Poor and Oppressed".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Sacramento that we hereby honor Father Keith B. Kenny for his commitment and dedication to the all the people of Sacramento but particularly to those in need.

ISSUED: This 28th Day of October, 1993.

JOE SERNA, JR., MAYOR

JOSE HANK, DISTRICT THREE

DARRELL STEINBERG, DISTRICT SIX

HEATHER FARGO, DISTRICT ONE

JIMMIE R. YEE, DISTRICT FOUR

TOM KASTANIS, DISTRICT SEVEN

VALERIE BURROWES, CITY CLERK

ROBERT KERTH, DISTRICT TWO

DEBORAH V. ORTIZ, DISTRICT FIVE

SAMUEL C. PANNICKL, DISTRICT EIGHT

Sacramento City Unified School District

Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Resolution Number 1712

WHEREAS, Father Keith B. Kenny, a voice for the poor and the oppressed, filled the lives of many over the years with compassion and understanding; and

WHEREAS, Father Keith B. Kenny, of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Sacramento, was known and respected for his advocacy of Sacramento's Spanish-speaking community; and

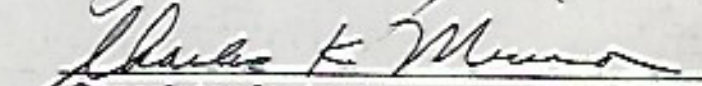
WHEREAS, Father Keith B. Kenny's legacy to our community will live on in many ways; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District is honored to name one of its newest schools in honor of this kind priest, Father Keith B. Kenny Elementary School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Sacramento City Unified School District express to the family of Father Keith B. Kenny its profound pleasure in the fact that this new community school will carry the name of Father Keith B. Kenny.




Board President


Superintendent