



GRADE XIII MASS

One of the last rites of passage for fifth year graduating students is the grade thirteen mass held in early June. It is during this celebration of the Eucharist that the class of 1986 bids a symbolic farewell to the school which has been the centre point of so many memories and experiences over the last five years. Fr. Dillion, whose arrival coincided with that of the graduates in 1981, was the main celebrant, while Fr. O'Reilly gave the sermon. A special blessing was given individually to each grade thirteen student by the Basilian Fathers and lay staff, which definitely highlighted the close relationship formed between student and teacher over the five year period. At the end of the mass, a slide show was presented featuring various aspects of the SMC experience. Finally the thirteens, led by Sandy Lucio, gave a rousing rendition of the "Bubba Loo" before filing out and realizing their time has come to move on to new challenges and places. A round of applause goes out to everyone who helped organize this memorable event-readers, choir members and those behind the scenes.

