

Press Release

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BISHOP BARAGA SCHOOL TEACHER LINDA CARLTON RETIRES

CHEBOYGAN, MI: Friday, October 16th was a tearful day at Bishop Baraga Catholic School as long-time teacher Linda Carlton retired. Carlton's teaching career at the school started in 1988.

During the school Mass that day, Carlton received a special blessing from Father Paul Megge. Afterwards, students, staff, school groups, and church groups had special presentations for her. Throughout the day, many people stopped at the school to wish her well. Her colleagues treated her to a retirement dinner at Mulligan's Friday evening.

School Principal Kitty LaBlance praised her teacher. "Linda Carlton has truly made teaching her vocation. Many evenings her classroom light would be the last one out as she prepared the next day's lessons," said LaBlance. "Linda was actively involved on many committees within the school, including the Bike-a-thon

for St. Jude's. She was also part of the board that raised funds for the new school," LaBlance explained. "Linda's volunteer activities at the Cheboygan Opera House greatly aided preparation of the school's annual Spring Program at the Opera House."

Although she has no immediate plans for retirement, Carlton said that she and her husband, Roger, plan to travel. First, however, she is participating in a production of "Chicago" at the Opera House.

Included with this press release is a photograph: Father Paul Megge, left, presents a retirement gift to teacher Linda Carlton in the Chapel at Bishop Baraga Catholic School on October 16, 2009.

Bishop Baraga Catholic School was established in 1856 by Bishop Frederic Baraga. It has been in its new building located at the corner of Western and Lincoln Avenues in Cheboygan since September 2005.