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## St. Agatha centennial celebration continues — with school wing addition

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**By dedicating a new science center for their school, St. Agatha Catholic Church continued the celebration of their 100th year of serving the Sellwood community.**

On February 5, students, parents and friends gathered for the dedication of what the named the “Father Slider Steuernol Science and Technology Wing” at the school.

The rooms, at the west end of the school, were originally designed to be science labs when the school was built, explained Principal Jeff Delegato. “They ran out of money to furnish it. Father Slider took the lead, and was instrumental in getting the project moving forward.” Slider’s recent sudden death saddened the St. Agatha community, and led to the honor.

In one room are 26 personal computer stations. The other room is a fully-equipped lab with benches, microscopes, and 3-D visual presenters. “All of students, from kindergarten through eighth graders, will be using the new science labs.”

And, the science labs are vital to the school’s mission, Delegato explained. “Part of our mission is to make sure that our kids learn to take care of the environment — and, how doing this is intertwined with God’s love.”

Naming the new wing was an easy choice, Delegato added. “It shows our love and admiration for Father Slider, in his leadership and dedication to us as our school and parish community. Even though he’s departed, this is our way of showing our appreciation of him and all of his work.”



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Father Slider’s wife, Jacquie Steuernol, is ready to cut the ribbon.