Welcome
Luke King, ‘14
President of the Student Government Association

Remarks
Keith Taylor, Ph.D.
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Blessing
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie and Chairperson of the Gannon Board of Trustees

Scripture Reading
Mark Richard, Director of Athletics

Intercessions
Brent Heckman, Associate Director of Campus Ministry

Groundbreaking
Bishop Persico
Dr. Taylor
Luke King
**Introductory Rites**

**Bishop:**
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*Amen.*

May the grace and peace of God our Father, the source of all blessings, be with you all.  
*And with your spirit.*

God has given us our physical powers in order that we may serve him joyously, help one another, and, by discipline in accord with the law of God, make our body fit for every good work.

God therefore approves of recreation for the relaxation of the mind and the exercise of the body.

Care of our bodies fosters mental well-being, and assists us to establish friendly and affable relations with other people.

Therefore, let us pray that God will bring this project to a successful completion.

**Scripture Reading**

**Mark Richard:**
Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

*Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.*

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Intercessions**

**Bishop:**
Brothers and sisters, let us pray that the work we begin today may contribute to the building up of God's kingdom and join us in faith and love to Christ, the Lord.

**Brent Heckman:**
That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God, we pray…

*Lord, hear our prayer!*

That those who die by violence, war, and famine each day may experience your mercy, we pray…

*Lord, hear our prayer!*

That all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again may see God face to face, we pray…

*Lord, hear our prayer!*

That all of us assembled here in prayer may be gathered together again in God's kingdom, we pray…

*Lord, hear our prayer!*

That the work begun here today may honor the work of the Church and be accomplished in safety, we pray…

*Lord, hear our prayer!*
Prayer Of Blessing

Bishop:
We ask you now to bless us and all who will use this New Recreational Center.

May all who come here know the presence of Christ, experience the joy of his friendship, and grow in his love.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Concluding Rite

Bishop:
May the Lord almighty bless you and kindly receive the desires of your hearts.

Amen.

May the Lord give you trust in him, so that you will do all things in his name.

Amen.

May the Lord regard your work with kindness and watch over your lives.

Amen.

And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.