St. Joseph's was a parochial school in the West End founded by Msgr. Jeremiah E. Millerick. Millerick became the church pastor in 1902 and quickly renovated the interior of the Church. In 1908 he opened the Parish School. Little is known about the school's early years. It is possible that the girl's school opened first and the Consumptive Home at Clear Court was bought for the boy's school shortly after. In 1911, Millerick addressed the graduating class of St. Joseph's on "The Necessity of Catholic Education."