

Featuring Sacred Heart Class of 1970



Sacred Heart School (SHS), an IHM mission, opened Oct. 7, 1918. Its Dearborn, Mich., locale was still fairly rural, and the unknown convent chronicler noted that, "We realized that a pioneer existence was in store for us for some time to come."

That first year, the sisters taught 200 children in grades one through nine. By the 1969-1970 school year, SHS had a student body of 989 in grades one through 12, with 107 seniors graduating.



"Our high school principal, Sister Ellen Van Antwerp, was a small but very imposing figure," 1970 graduate Mary (Blum) Smith recalls. "Truth be told, many of the students were intimidated by her. I, however, forged a friendship with her. I was just learning to knit, and the only thing I could manage was a scarf. I made her a bright orange scarf that she wore to school each day."

High praise for the IHM Sisters is a common theme among Sacred Heart's Class of 1970.

"I remain particularly grateful to Sister

Irene Mogg for encouraging me and my vocation to the priesthood during challenging times," Paul Panaretos reports. "Fortunately, we stayed in touch over the years, and I was able to thank her on several occasions."

Len Krzyzaniak attributes his love of all types of music to Sister Elmira, "who made us do biographies on great composers."





Therese Terns, now an [IHM Associate](#) and a PE teacher at SHS for 25 years, remembers her mother sending her and her siblings to the convent to help the sisters. "Seeing how they lived, outside of the classroom, opened up a new reality that nuns were people too," she says. "I thought their life was much like my life where I was living in a community of sharing, caring, working and praying together.

That's what it was like at SHS too."

The Sacred Heart Class of 1970 will hold its [reunion](#) Aug. 4. The high school closed at the end of the 1974-75 academic year, however, a K-8 grade school is still very much a part of Sacred Heart Parish.



Richard Nixon was president of the United States, the U.S. population was 205,052,174, and the average life expectancy was 70.8 years. Unemployment was 3.5 percent, and a first-class stamp cost \$0.06.



United States troops invaded Cambodia. Four students at Kent State University in Ohio were slain by National Guardsmen at a demonstration protesting the invasion.

Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin both die drug-related deaths at age 27.



The Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Minnesota Vikings 23-7 in Super Bowl IV.

"Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In," by the 5th Dimension won a Grammy for Record of the Year. Midnight Cowboy won an Oscar for Best Picture.



The Beatles broke up. By the end of the year, each member had released a solo album.