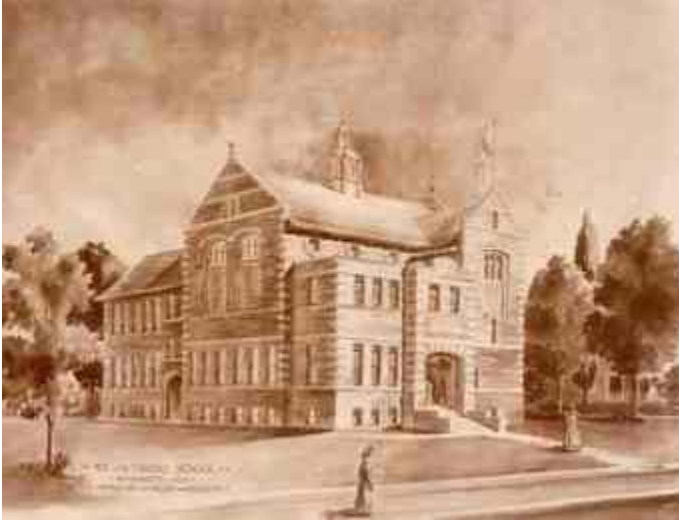


Featuring St. Patrick School



When three IHM Sisters made their way to Wyandotte, Mich., in 1885, it was to teach 150 students at the mission school of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Several years later, the parish was renamed St. Patrick.

Originally, the sisters had two rooms in which to teach, but according to the convent chronicler, "Attendance increased daily, so a third room was added." By 1885, five IHMs taught 180 students in four rooms.

The cornerstone for a new school was laid in July 1906 and, by September 1907, it was ready for classes. Just a year later, eight IHM Sisters were teaching at St. Patrick, and enrollment had increased to 275.

St. Patrick High School graduated its first class - one girl and three boys - in 1916. The convent chronicler mentioned that the 1920-21 school year "opened with about the usual enrollment in the Grades but with a notable increase in the High School Department - enrollment there 118."

The roots of compassion ran deeply at St. Patrick's. During the Great Depression, "no school dues were required" of the 750 students. It was also very progressive - girls' basketball was introduced during the 1935-36 school year.



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Enrollment increased steadily, which meant more teachers were required, and a new convent opened in 1955. More than 2,000 people visited it before the sisters moved in.

Sister Cor Mariae, IHM, was the principal, and Sisters Rose Vincent and Innocentia were the senior homeroom teachers for our **featured class year, 1957**. That year, **Gerald Steward** ('57) received special recognition from Wyandotte City Councilman Richard Kelly for his role in coordinating a

Patrick's convent.

successful peanut sale, raising \$700.

The senior class play, "Jenny Kissed Me," was produced in May. Graduation day for the 72 seniors was June 9. At the graduation breakfast, **Mary Jo Gambino** received the Loving Cup for having the highest grade point average in the class.

Through the years, St. Patrick's students were involved in projects that reached well beyond their community. They sold paper to raise money for the Recife Mission in Brazil; the Human Relations Club worked on drives for Vietnam during the turbulent '60s; and students participated in a Downriver Human Relations workshop.

The high school closed in 1968, and the grade school in 1970. Through 85 years, 321 IHM Sisters ministered at St. Patrick's.

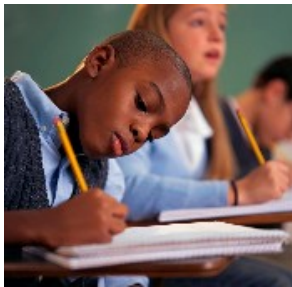
Trivia - 1957

In 1957



Dwight D. Eisenhower was president of the United States. The U.S. population was 171,984,130, and the average life expectancy was 69.5 years. It cost three cents for a first-class stamp. Unemployment stood at 4.1 percent.

The Eisenhower Doctrine called for aid to Mideast countries resisting armed aggression from Communist-controlled nations.



The "Little Rock Nine" integrated Central High School. President Eisenhower sent troops to quell the mob and protect the students after Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus defied a federal order to integrate.

Yul Brynner and Ingrid Bergman won Oscars for their lead performances in *The King and I* and *Anastasia*, respectively.

Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* debuted on Broadway, bringing violence to the stage. *Leave It to Beaver* premiered on CBS, ushering in an era of television shows depicting the ideal American.



The Milwaukee Braves defeated the New York Yankees in seven games in the World Series.

Boston defeated the St. Louis Hawks in seven games for the NBA Championship.
Montreal won the Stanley Cup against Boston in five games.