

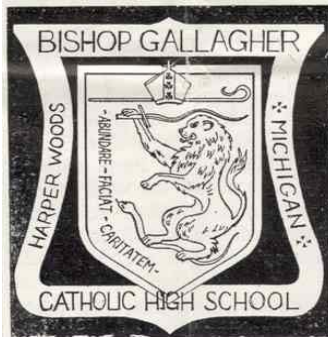
## Featuring Bishop Gallagher High School



Bishop Gallagher High School in Harper Woods, Mich., opened in 1962. It was formed by the parishes of St. Matthew, Queen of Peace and St. Philomena.

The parish bulletins noted that "With three parishes cooperating, we can have a better school, with more extensive facilities than any one parish alone."

It was a diocesan-owned school, staffed by four different religious groups - the Christian Brothers of St. Louis Province, Divine Providence Sister of Pittsburgh, the Adrian Dominican Sisters and the IHM Sisters.



The school grew to serve more than 45 parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit, and by 1965, the faculty had grown to 45, including both religious and lay teachers. There were 1,040 students enrolled.

The convent chronicler for the IHM Sisters recorded on Sept. 18, 1966, "The first football game of the year was played today, and the sisters made history as they appeared at the game for the first time. Our presence at the game brought victory to the team."

The 1969-70 school year was a year of challenges, according to the chronicler.

"Every IHM was ready to sing the Alleluia chorus," she wrote on June 10. "Today formally closed the 1969-70 school year."



During freshman year for the class of 1977, our [featured class year](#), students took field trips to Stratford, the Fisher Theatre, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec. Sister Rose Mary Sam coordinated the trips and also organized students

to play music for Mass for the city jail's women inmates once a month. The students found the experience so rewarding, they also went on their own.

Members of the Class of 1977 remember their years at Bishop Gallagher fondly.

**Jeff Rago** says, "I don't know if it would be considered an experiment but we were supposed to be the largest class ever admitted to Bishop Gallagher at 436."

**Cathy Coppiellie Kevra** notes, "I remember Sister Rose Mary Sam. She took us on a field trip to Montreal during our sophomore year. We saw a lot and had a great time!"

"Sister Nancy (math) was a solid teacher - no attitude, lots of patience. Sister Sam led the folk group I sang in (back when I thought I could) at Queen of Peace." **John M. Heyka** recalls.

## Trivia - 1977

James Earl Carter, Jr., was president of the United States. His vice president was Walter F. Mondale.



The first Apple II computers went on sale. An optical fiber carried live telephone traffic for the first time. Perrier water was introduced in the United States.

The last natural case of smallpox was discovered in Somalia.

The most popular books of fiction were *The Silmarillion*, by J.R.R. Tolkien, and *The Thorn Birds*, by Colleen McCullough. Nonfiction favorites were *Roots*, by Alex Haley, and *Looking Out for #1*, by Robert Ringer.



The most popular television shows were *Laverne & Shirley* and *Happy Days*.



At the Grammy Awards, "Record of the Year" went to *Hotel California*, by The Eagles. Debby Boone won a "Best Song" Grammy for *You Light Up My Life*, and "Best Album" was *Rumours*, by Fleetwood Mac.