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ACADEMY
OF
THE
SACRED HEART



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WELL DONE, ACADEMY

Another of those fine durable Hoboken institutions which are growing in stature with the years is about to observe its 100th anniversary. Sacred Heart Academy, the city's only Catholic High School, is attended by girls from neighboring municipalities as well as Hoboken, and could expand its enrollment radically if the building were big enough to accommodate all who apply.

Many are the names of its graduates who came into renown, beginning with Hoboken Mayor Lawrence Fagan in the days when the academy took boys. Frances Foley Gannon, the energetic deputy markets commissioner of New York's LaGuardia administration, was among them.

Sacred Heart is cautiously feeling its way toward a possible expansion. The Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, who own and operate it, receive no outside help. Along with Stevens Institute and St. Mary Hospital in the century-old class, the academy deserves every encouragement.

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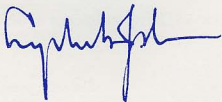
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May 4, 1968

I am pleased to greet the faculty, students and friends of the Academy of the Sacred Heart on the occasion of your centennial.

Our Nation has special need for the qualities of mind and spirit this Academy has instilled in succeeding generations of students. Profound changes in modern America and in our relationship with other nations of the world have brought responsibilities of leadership that can only be fulfilled by a people with intellectual strength and moral determination.

The Academy of the Sacred Heart can take pride in its graduates who have contributed significantly to the welfare and progress of society. I join our mutual friend, Congressman Daniels, in congratulating the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth for one hundred years of dedicated service.





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Sister Mary Richard
Academy of the Sacred Heart
713 Washington Street
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Dear Sister Mary Richard:

Please accept my sincere congratulations to the Academy of the Sacred Heart on the occasion of its celebration of one hundred years of Catholic Education.

I am enclosing an offering for a subscription to The Sacred Heart Centennial Journal.

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HON. DOMINICK V. DANIELS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1968

Mr. DANIELS. Mr. Speaker, one of the great educational institutions in the State of New Jersey is the Academy of the Sacred Heart in the city of Hoboken. On May 25, 1968, a great celebration will be held in observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of this fine school.

Sister Mary Richard, the principal of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, is a very fine educator and occupies a unique distinction. Sister is, to my knowledge, the only nun ever to serve as a member of a congressional staff. Many Members will recall Sister Mary Richard as a capable assistant in my office here in Washington. Those Members who were fortunate enough to have made the acquaintance of this dedicated woman know how fortunate I was to have her services, even for a summer.

Sister has prepared a brief history of the Academy of the Sacred Heart which I insert in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following my remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for every person in the 14th District of New Jersey when I express my own personal

"well done" to the sisters of charity who have done so much to keep this school in the forefront during the last century. It has been 100 years of service to the community and I am sure that the next 100 years will see even greater progress.

The history follows:

HISTORY OF ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART, HOBOKEN, N.J.

The Academy of the Sacred Heart, founded in 1868, is Hoboken's only Catholic High School. It is the second oldest Academy to be established by the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity in New Jersey. Within ten years after the Convent and Academy of St. Elizabeth was founded by them at the Motherhouse in Convent Station, St. Aloysius Academy in Jersey City and the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Hoboken were begun as private institutions.

In 1868 classes were held in a small building located centrally on the main street. The school was in general a day school for boys and girls; but for awhile New York students were permitted to board, never more than ten at one time because of limitation of space. Within a short time the small frame structure was replaced by a larger brick building on the same site. This building is the one which stands today at 713 Washington Street. In a short time an extension was added to the rear of the building to accommodate the increasing number of students. These additions were made during the superintendency of Sister Mary Geraldine.

The Academy had the first girl's basketball team in Hoboken. Games were played in the Armory in the old City Hall where Mr. Ward Brennan coached the Academy girls. Today the Academy basketball team is still among the leaders in this sport.

During World War I students of the Academy served as Red Cross Aides and assisted in the cooking, sewing and caring for the wounded soldiers in Admiral Benson Hall. The Academy has trained many men and women in the role of responsible citizenship. One among the many who became publicly successful was Daniel S. Kealy, Class of 1906, who became the Superintendent of Schools in Hoboken, and later the Vice-President of the National Educational Association. Lawrence Fagan, one of the earliest graduates of the elementary division became the Mayor of Hoboken. His son, Arthur, also a graduate, became co-owner of the Jersey Observer. Mr. Donald Kersey, a high level associate in Andconda Copper, donated the Chapel. Harold Mintern became a County Judge; Edward Coyle, a County Clerk. Many others obtained important positions on school boards and teaching staffs. Practically all the young ladies who graduated from the high school entered the Newark Normal School of Teacher Training. One alumna, Frances Foley Ganon, became the Deputy Market Commissioner of the City of New York. Miss Hazel Bishop, owner of Hazel Bishop Industry was another graduate who succeeded in the business world. Mr. William Heilleger, the writer of boys' books was also a graduate of the Academy. Miss Mabel Coyle of the Class of 1902 organized the Junior High School in the Public School System of Hoboken years before surrounding municipalities introduced it.

In recent years the building has been modernized and made fireproof. The curriculum offerings have been expanded to meet the needs of the student and the requirements of the State Department of Education.