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Woodlawn - Chicago

From 1897 on...

St. Bride's & St. Cyril's & Loretto Academy
1909 1924 1905

The nuns were praying for an Academy in Chicago, esp. M. Seraphine
Wagner.
Rev. Cyril Kehoe, O.C. Carm., who was getting his own College started in
Woodlawn, pointed out a spot nearby that would be suitable for
such a building. Rev. Mother Ignatia Lynn refused at first to allow it
because she felt we had not sufficient means or nuns to open a new house.
But Mr. Merle - M. Seraphine's good friend - promised to pay interest
on a loan for first few years. Other friends promised help. Rev. Mother
gave permission for a loan to purchase the property.

Mr. Merle

Carmelite Fathers

Mr. Warr, architect

helped convince the bank
to make the loan

Mr. Cunnea

purchase of original land 210' x 125'
June 13, 1904

Archbishop Quigley of Chicago signed
a note for the loan of \$40,000

Mar. 25, 1905 first sod was turned

May 17, 1905 - cornerstone was laid.

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The loan was held up because "Sisters of Loretto" was used instead of "Ladies of Loretto" - our corporation name.

The roof was on the Convent, the builders waiting for their pay, and yet the loan had not been obtained.

Mr. Cunnea lent \$15,000. This paid part of the men's wages.

"Thus was the land bought and the convent built, on nothing."

Dec. 29, 1905 Mother Seraphina, Sisters Augusta McCarten, De Sales
Theodosia Sweeney, Aquinas Dunne, Scholastica Mc Yague
Fidelis Brown, and Rita Doyle opened our new Academy

1906

Sept. classes resumed with following members:

<u>Sisters Demetria Magann</u> , <u>Aquinas Dunne</u>	{ <u>Mother Seraphina Wwyer</u> <u>Mother Catherine O'Connor</u> <u>Mother Angela Lynn</u>
<u>Estelle Nolan</u> , <u>St. Thomas McArdle</u> ,	
<u>St. Clare McEachen</u> , <u>Francesca Barrett</u> , <u>Hermes McPhalen</u>	
<u>Mary Thurston</u> , <u>FredERICA Preece</u>	

from Corporation Records of p. 2
Ladies of Loreto
Sept. 23, 1905

Loretto - Woodlawn
1905

Property situated in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
Lots number 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 in South Park addition to Chicago,
being a subdivision of the South Four Hundred & forty-one feet of the
North Fourteen Hundred Ninety feet of that part of the North-east
quarter of Section Twenty-three, Township Thirty-eight, North Range
Fourteen, East of the Third Principal Meridian lying East of the
Illinois Central Railroad.

p. 14 July 1, 1909.. proposal made by Sarah Dwyer [mother Seraphina]
to borrow \$17,000 to pay for additional property at Woodlawn...
recently purchased three lots : 52, 53, 54 of South Park addition
to Chicago.

June 14, 1905 Lots 59-63 purchased for \$15,750
July 1, 1909 Lots 52-54 " " 17,000

Sept. 25, 1905 Building of Academy 10,000
Jan. 1, 1926 New addition to Academy 152,000

dayschool pop. about 400.

St. Cyril's School opened 1934. Staff lived at the Academy.
Boarding School closed 1930.
Branch Novitiate housed at Woodlawn 1934-1946.

Jan. 7, 1906 School opened with 25 pupils.

First application & pupil was Bertha Woerr, architect's daughter

By end of school year : 110 pupils

This included Boarders, Day Pupils, Music and Art Pupils.

M. Seraphina and her community presented a very pretentious curriculum. It seems today like College. St. Cyril's College was being founded at the same time. The Carmelite priests helped the nuns a lot.

Catalog 1908-09

"The Course of Study prescribed is that which the experience of years has declared to be best calculated to furnish mental culture. It is classical, extends over a period of 7 years and embraces two departments - the Academic and the College proper. To this have been added a Preparatory and a Primary Department which give a thorough foundation in the elementary branches of ordinary schools.

Pupils who desire it are prepared for Normal Entrance Examinations."

Catalog 1908-09

Torretto - Woodlawn

College Fees

Board & Tuition

\$ 300.00 per yr.

Piano & Use of
Instrument

\$ 80.00

Violin & Harp each

at professor's charges

Oil Painting

\$ 80.00

Water Colors

\$ 60.00

China

\$ 80.00

Private Rooms

\$ 100.00

Elocution

at professor's charges

College Terms for Day Pupils

\$ 60.00

There were financial difficulties ever-present at Woodlawn.

Poverty practiced by Community.

Walk to Englewood to save 10¢.

Kind friends helped us - our own Chicago & Joliet ^{houses} helped
also Toronto

Generosity of Merle family

O'Malley's meat dealers

Sexton Food Products

Ryan's

they kept delivering without any hope of being paid soon.

Mother Teocrita ^{Reveria} asked her guardians to release her dowry
to help meet expenses.

Ambrose Petry - was generous also.

Toronto - Woodlawn

There were also "Lady Boarders" who lived at the Academy:
business women - some from Joliet - Nolan, Wignan, McCreavy.
students of music downtown, teachers, 2 from Canada.

Rose O'Neill

Jean Jenks

Dora Wignan

Miss Lechlight

Miss McEwen

Mrs. Shiley

Miss O'Brien

Lila Charston

See "Conversations with Sr. Mary Ellen Dennehy"

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Determination to remain.

Toretto - Woodlawn
1905

Oct. 30, 1955

Message read to staff from Mother General Constance M. Mahon:

"Do not use any ratio to determine the number of students for sept. registration. Whatever screening be used, let not the color of the student be considered."

1960 Fire Regulations tightened up. Sprinkler System required. We could not afford it. Archdiocese paid for it.

1962 Englewood High School closed, St. Bernard's continued, nuns moved to Rectory. Convent was demolished. High School sold. Students merged with Woodlawn students.

1965 New apostolate opened for adults. Evening classes at Woodlawn until 10:00 P.M. all privacy lost. Policeman hired to sleep in parlor.

1969 Fire Dept. ruled the building unsafe for sleeping. The nuns had to move out. Classrooms were all night. (over)

Archdiocese rented 2 apartments at Stony Island Terrace for the nuns who chose to stay in the area.

Another group had apto. at South Commons.

2 nuns moved to St. Bride's & commuted. 1 to St. Adrian's. Eventually the little convent on Dante was offered to us.

1972 Woodlawn Academy merged with Mercy High School into Unity High School.

The Academy was rented to Chicago School Board for continuance of Adult Ed - High School dropouts - preparation for GED exams.

Sr. Margaret O'Connor, IBVM teaches there still, lives at Dante.

Fall

1988 marg OC went to work in Sacramento. Pat Hewitt also

Loretto — Sault Ste. Marie
1896 Michigan

17th Century French Period. Indians cooperated with French fur traders.
The area was called Bowating by the Chippewa Indians.
It was the greatest camping ground in the Northwest.
Father James Marquette, S. J. renamed it Sault Marie du Sault.

1760 - 1796 English Period

Ottawa Chief Pontiac led the conspiracy to end British rule. His plan was
to attack all English trading posts West of Allegheny Mts.

8 of the 12 posts were captured. But British still prevailed at Detroit
and a few others.

1783 Treaty of Paris provided for surrender of all these posts to United States.
However British retained Detroit and Michilimackinac until July 1796.

1796 Michigan became an American possession.

The Loretto Rainbow : It is America's mightiest mile, that slim stretch of
of 1955 p. 24 locked canals and rapids at the end of Lake Superior,
describes the Sault that is one hundred years old."

1855 the Locks
1896 fishing, farming
furs, mining, Carbide Co.

1914 (war)

1941 (war)

Kinchlo Airbase

What did people come to Sault
to do?

IBVM Archives

Sault Ste. Marie
Michigan
St. Mary's School & Loretto Academy
1896

- 1847 Jesuits formally accepted the mission task at Sault Ste. Marie.
Rev. J. B. Menet, S.J. was first pastor.
- 1854 Bishop Baraga came to his See at Sault Ste. Marie.
His "palace" on Portage Road became in 1896 the Sisters first permanent abode.
- 1865 Episcopal See moved to Marquette.
- 1896 Rev. J. B. Connelly, S.J. became pastor and invited Ladies of Loretto to come from Toronto & take charge of his Parochial school.
3 other communities had worked there before.
Rev. Mother Ignatia Synn and M. Boyole came in summer of 1896 to view the situation.
By August 1896 M. Gonzaga Gallivan & M. Stanislaus Liddy had come.
The former was recalled because of health. & M. Stanislaus was appointed first Superior. Other Sisters arrived to staff the school and begin an Academy:
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| <u>Sr. St. Michael Murphy</u> | <u>Sr. Euphrosyne Harrington</u> |
| <u>Sr. Germana Opelt</u> | <u>Sr. Isabel Devlin</u> |
| <u>Sr. Agnes Ulm</u> | <u>Sr. Francis Corcoran</u> |
| | <u>Sr. Sebastian Ede</u> |

Sept. 2, 1896

School opened for 206 pupils. By October there were 300.

Oct. 8 Father Connolly celebrated the first mass in Convent Chapel.

Oct. 26 Visit from Bishop Vertin. Offered land to the Sisters to build on.

Summer Father Connolly gave the Sisters their retreat.

Feb. 1898 He proposed the High School would be for both boys & girls.

Sept. 1898 M. Christina came as Superior.

Sept. 15, 1898 Community was incorporated in preparation for doing business.

Work began on Academy Nov. 17 Severe winter. To cost \$8,000.

Bishop of Marquette had donated land - value \$10,000

Sept. 14, 1899 Top floor was ready for occupancy. The Sisters moved in.

Sept. 17 Building was blessed by Bishop Eis.

Nov. 2 — French and English want separate churches.

Nov. 5, 1899 Father Connolly left the Sault for Montreal. Father Devlin new pastor for English-speaking.
Father Carre for French.

The Academy was not large enough.

1901 M. Christina had bought a lot for \$2100.

1905 The 2 cottages from the lot were moved nearer & remodeled for use of boarding school & more classrooms.

1910 2 wings added to Academy. Estimated cost \$10,000 - but more was required.

Sault Ste. Marie
St. Mary's School & Loretto Academy
1896

The first residence of the nuns was at 133 Spruce St. but after a month they moved into the little house attached to the school. [Bishop Baraga's Palace]
1899

Central part of the Academy was built, and the nuns moved in.

1910 the two wings were added to the Academy.

1914 Jesuit Fathers were replaced by Secular priests.

1937 New St. Mary's Parochial school was built on Armory Place across from the Academy.

1944 "What was a residential day school for girls became a coeducational school to enable boys to receive a Catholic education at the secondary level. Early in the new year the nuns will move to their new convent on

1956 Maple Street, leaving the entire old building for expanded classroom facilities."
— Loretto Rainbow

demolished 1966
Marquette Diocese bought the Academy. Provided convent on Maple St. as residence for staff. Fall 1955 p. 24

The Academy became a chartered school in 1898 and is (was) accredited by the Universities of Michigan and Toronto, and the State Normals. The music department is affiliated with the University of Toronto and the Toronto Conservatory of Music. The course covers the various grades from preparatory to licentiate.

(signed) M. Y.

- from an article in The Saulteur 1921

This was the 3rd issue of The Saulteur. So by deduction the first issue was in 1919.

1885 St Mary's Parochial School was built on Portage, across from the Church

1896 St Mary's parochial School for Girls. (4 rooms)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Miss Martin

} 4 other groups before us in 9 yrs.

1902 moved to another place on the property

new
1937 St Mary's Elem.
grades 1-8.
boys & girls

Boarding School Convent

1896 in Bishop's Palace back of St Mary's School.

1899 } New Loreto Academy was built.

1909 } 2 new wings added.

1944 Co-educational

1956 New Convent for Sisters was built on Maple St.

1966 demolished

Sault Ste. Marie
Toretto Acad. - Sault High

New High School

1965 To - Hi

Toretto Catholic Central High School

1971 closed (Legislature forbade Parochial)

1971 closed of St Mary's Elem. and St. Joseph's Elem.

Catechetics began. Community chose to stay.