

Julet Alumnae by M. Callista

The Ladies of Loretto, after having first spent a year at St. Patricks, transferred, at the suggestion of His Excellency, Archbishop Feehan, D.D., to St. Marys parish. The nuns and school were housed in a small place on Cass Street until St. Marys Academy was completed and dedicated August 16, 1882.

From then until the withdrawal of the Ladies of Loretto, the academy continued to flourish, and to graduate pupils who have shown a loyalty to their religious teachers that is little less than phenomenal. a loyalty in the face of the fact that though no new members have entered their alumnae for the past twenty-27 years (it should be 50 years now) they have held tenaciously to each other and to the Ladies of Loretto in Chicago, frequently testifying their undying devotion by splendid gifts and affectionate tributes to the community of their former teachers.

In 1879 the Ladies of Loretto had come from Toronto, Canada to make

a foundation in Joliet. From that time until 1919, they remained in the city opening schools in Saint Marys, Sacred Heart, St. Bernard and St. Patrick parishes. The needs of the growing city made it necessary to provide larger staffs for each of these schools, and this the congregation of The Ladies of Loretto found it difficult, if not impossible to do. As a consequence they relinquished one school after another until in 1918, they gave up the commercial high school, which they had formerly operated on Eastern Avenue, and retained only for one more year, the grade school of St. Marys parish.

In August, 1919, eighteen sisters of Providence came to Joliet and the parochial school was then put in charge of the Sisters of Providence. From that time forward the very pleasant relationship between the sisters and the people of Joliet became firmly established. The Lorettes

Alumnae maintained its separate existence, and the Providence Alumnae Association was formed. The most cordial and friendly attitudes were preserved between the two associations and this feeling of cooperation meant much for the prosperity of the new undertaking.

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Bishop Fechan, D.D.

Pastors

Rev. P. M. Flanagan	- 1868
Rev. P. W. Ruordan	1868 - 71
Rev. J. Mackin	1871 - 77
Rev. Thomas Murphy	1877 - 1878
Rev. Maurice F. Burke	1878 - 1887
Rev. Thomas Mangano	1887 - 1898
Rev. W. J. McNamee	1898 - 1911
Rev. J. B. Murray	1911 - 1916
Rev. J. F. Lunn	1916 - 1921

Superiors at St. Mary Academy

Mother M. Clovis Gonzaga
Mother M. Eucheria (Magan)
Mother M. Stanislaus (Liddy)
Mother Mary of the Angels (Lynn)
Mother M. Catherine (Harris)
Mother M. Joseph (Don Carlos)
Mother Mary of the Angels (Lynn)
Mother Mary Eucheria (Trokey)
Mother M. Felix Devine
Mother M. Jerome (Cogan)

2nd term.

First Graduating Class

Mary Mahoney Cooney
Fannie Tighe Landus
Agnes Meers Lennon
Augusta Uhm (mother M. Agnes)
Nellie Burke
Winnie Walsh
Margaret Foley
Minnie Stubbs

S. Alice