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Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Central Catholic High School building

When the doors open this school year, Central Catholic will celebrate the 75th anniversary of operating from its downtown San Antonio location — a milestone in the Marianist school's 155-year history.

From the very beginning in 1852 when four Marianist Brothers travelled by stagecoach to the rough and rugged pioneer city of San Antonio, the history of Central Catholic High School is shaped by commitment and constant growth.

By the late 1920's, the school — with 256 students — had outgrown the river location.

Bro. John Waldron, SM was sent from the Marianist headquarters in St. Louis to plan the new school site. He moved

quickly foreseeing an imposing edifice despite the 1929 Market failure beginning the Great Depression. On April 12, 1930, he wrote to his Marianist Provincial, Fr. Joseph Ei, SM, "Please give careful attention to the Dallas-St. Mary's property, the "rural" area where he proposed to build Central Catholic High School.

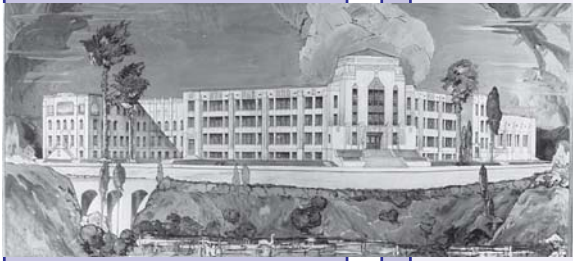
Henry Dreisoener of St. Louis was designated the architect. The deadline for completion was December 1, 1931. Students were told to report to the new

school for the second semester of 1932.

Bro. Fred Halwe, SM, described the new building: "The building's fortress-like size was impressive, but the beauty of its herringboned bricks and delicate masonry, especially around the entrances and roof-line were new to San Antonio's educational facilities..."

This year we celebrate 75 years of Marianist service at our current location. The Marianist mission, vision and legacy continues today!

— See Central Catholic's historical timeline on the last page of this newsletter. —



Central Catholic High School Timeline

Original School (1852)
Military Plaza

St. Mary's Institute (1853)
(College Street on the San Antonio River)

St. Mary's College (1882)
College Street, Grades 3-11

1893
St. Mary's College
The word college was French meaning elementary to high school
(College Street/
Day Students, Grades 6-11)

1893
St. Louis College
(Woodlawn Hills/
Boarders only)

1923
St. Mary's Academy
(College Street/
Grade School & High School)

1923
St. Mary's College
(Woodlawn Hills/
College students only)

1932
Central Catholic High School
(North St. Mary's Street/
Grades 6-12)

1927
St. Mary's University

1955
Central Catholic High School
(Grades 9-12)

