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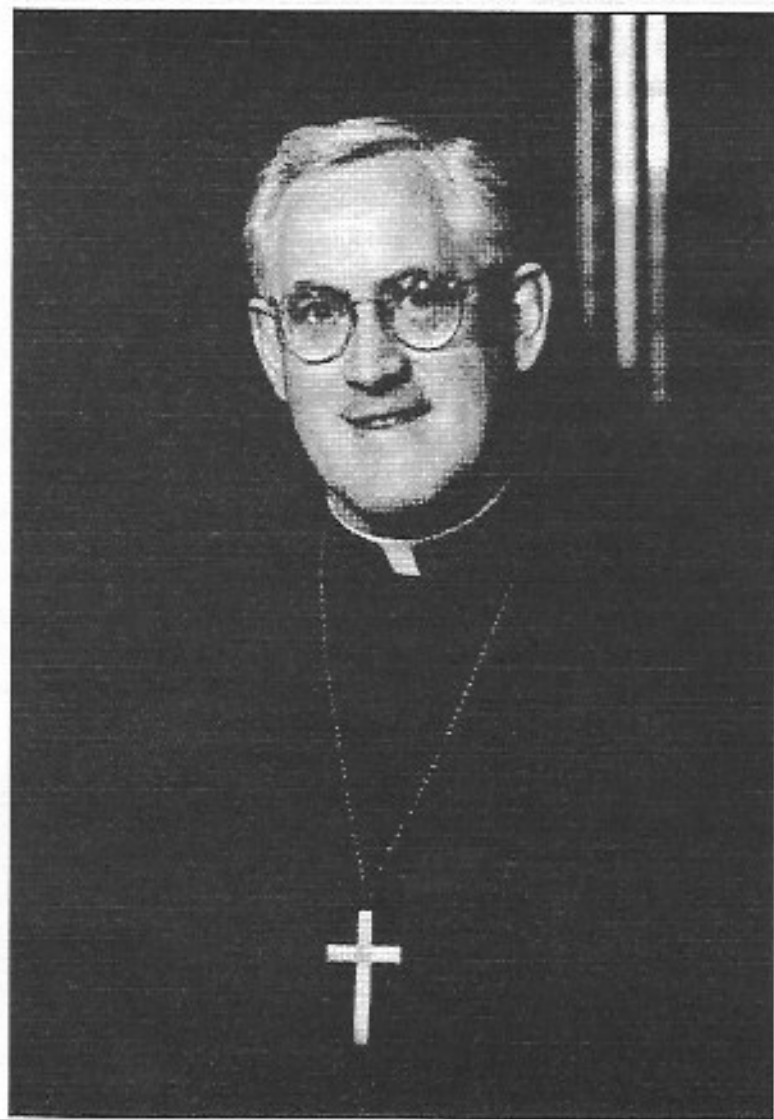
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Established on May 28, 1868

Patron Saints of the Diocese

Our Lady of Guadalupe; Mother of the Americas; St. Patrick

History

In 1850, the city of Sacramento was a mission of the Church of Saint Francis, in San Francisco. Today, it is the See city of the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, comprising 42,000 square miles of territory.

On August 10, 1850, Father Peter Anderson, OP celebrated the first Mass in Northern California, in a private home in Sacramento. Included in the congregation was the first governor of California, Peter Burnett. Governor Burnett gave a plot of land to Father Anderson on 7th and K Streets.



Bishop Eugene O'Connell, from Dublin, Ireland, succeeded Father Anderson in 1860. In 1868, Pope Pius IX established the Grass Valley Diocese. Bishop O'Connell was the first Bishop of this diocese and served from 1868-1884.

Bishop Patrick Manogue took O'Connell's place as Bishop of the Grass Valley Diocese, and was the first Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento from 1884-1895. Manogue was one of the legendary figures in California history and built the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Manogue died in 1895 and was succeeded by Father Thomas Grace.



As the second Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Grace served for twenty-five years (1895-1921) and brought the Diocese from the pioneer days to the new century.

Bishop Patrick Keane served the Diocese for six years (1922-1928). His short tenure of six years was characterized by the formation of a system of parochial schools.



Father Robert Armstrong became the fourth Bishop and served for twenty-eight years (1929-1957) and inaugurated a period of considerable growth in which over 28 new parishes were established; the work of taking care of the socially disadvantaged was professionalized; and the quality of Catholic schools was upgraded.

Most Reverend Joseph T. McGucken, S.T.D., L.L.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Sacramento from 1955-1962. At the same time, His Holiness announced a sweeping change in Northern California diocesan boundaries.



Pope John XXIII, on March 30, 1962, appointed the Most Reverend Alden J. Bell, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, to become the sixth spiritual leader of the Sacramento Diocese. Bishop Bell served from 1962-1979. His years were busy ones since they demanded a flexibility in allowing and promoting the changes brought about by the second Vatican Council.



Pope John Paul II named Francis A. Quinn, then an Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, as the seventh Bishop of the Diocese. Bishop Quinn's service was characterized by compassion and understanding. From 1980-1992, seven new parishes, several missions, two elementary schools and one high school were established.



On January 27, 1994 Bishop William Weigand, former Bishop of Salt Lake City, was installed in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as the eighth shepherd of the Diocese of Sacramento.

In early 1994, the Bishop's Office (the former Chancery) and twelve of the Diocesan departments relocated their offices to the Pastoral Center. These offices, needed to aid in the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel, had previously been spread throughout the city.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND THE DIOCESE

The long-time commitment of the Diocese to education was combined with the mission of the Christian Brothers in 1876 to bring Catholic education in the Lasallian tradition to Sacramento.

The collaboration between the Diocese of Sacramento (then Grass Valley) and the Order of the Christian Brothers began with St. Patrick's Institute in 1876 and Father Patrick Scanlon who was the pastor of St. Rose's Parish. The Diocese owned the property at 21st and Broadway, next to St. Joseph's cemetery. Bishop Keane agreed to turn over the property to the Brothers, and Bishop Keane dedicated the school in 1924 as Christian Brothers School.

The property on Sacramento Boulevard was owned by the Diocese. In 1957 Bishop Armstrong High School was built as a diocesan co-instructional school for 11th and 12th grade boys and girls.

In 1964 Christian Brothers School at 21st and Broadway was closed and the property reverted back to the Diocese for the building of Bishop Manogue High School for girls. Bishop Armstrong became a four year school for boys.

In 1969 Bishop Armstrong was renamed Christian Brothers High School. In 1990 Bishop Manogue closed and the school on the old Sacramento Blvd., (which had been renamed Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in 1989) became a coeducational school.

THE OFFICIAL NAMES OF THE SCHOOL WERE:

- St. Patrick Institute, 12th & K St., 1876-1879
- Sacramento Institute, 12th & K St., 1879-1904
- Christian Brothers College, 12th & K St., 1904-1924
- Christian Brothers School, 21st & Y (Broadway), 1924-1964
- Bishop Armstrong High School, Sacramento Blvd., 1956-1969
- Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento Blvd.-
MLK Jr. Blvd., 1969- present



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of Jesus Christ." - De La Salle*

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CHRISTIAN BROTHERS: 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

One hundred twenty-five years! A long time, indeed, since an energetic young maiden lady, named Maggie Cunningham saw her fund-raising efforts brought to fruition with the opening of what has, at various times, been known as St. Patrick's Institute, The Sacramento Institute, Christian Brothers College, Christian Brothers School, Bishop Armstrong High School and now Christian Brothers High School.

The reasons behind the establishing of a school by the sons of St. John Baptist de La Salle, the Christian Brothers, in Sacramento were basically two: the desire by Catholics to provide a religious education for their children and general dissatisfaction with quality public education as it then existed. Accomplishing this task took a good five years.

Finally aided by the impetus from Father Patrick Scanlan and doorbell ringing and arm-twisting by Miss Maggie Cunningham, the great day arrived ... establishing the first high school in Sacramento offering both academic and commercial classes. Officially known as St. Patrick's Institute after the patron saint of the Sacramento (then Grass Valley) Diocese, the school was dedicated July 16, 1876, by Archbishop Joseph Alemany. The next day the Brothers began enrolling students and by the following Monday, July 24, two hundred students began their first classes. They wasted no time!

What sort of school was it that opened its doors in the nation's centennial year at 12th and K Streets on the site that was for many years Weinstocks department store? *The Sacramento Union* describes the school as being "plain in style, yet not cold and formal. It is of wood with rustic finish, and is three stories high, with ornamental arched openings and tasteful trimmings." The kitchen, storeroom, dining room and closets make up the west half of the first floor. The rest of this floor is left unfinished for future classrooms. The second floor has two classrooms, the rear stairway and landing, two parlors, and the President's room. On the top floor, there are two more classrooms, two dormitories and several rooms for the faculty. The water closet and washroom are at the end of the east wing; the latter fitted with seven marble basins. The balconies across the back afford a great view of the Capitol (just completed in 1874) and the capitol grounds.

The Sacramento Bee stated in an article after the ceremony that "a platform was set up on 12th Street, the shady side of the building," and "the immense audience occupied conveniently placed benches as seats." The article went on to state, "Gas is in, with frequent burners in every room in the house, and in the main rooms handsome chandeliers are hung." (In 1879, Thomas Edison developed the incandescent light. However, it would not be until 1895, when hydraulic electricity was transported from Folsom, that it would be cheap enough to be used by the Christian Brothers.)

There were all of four classrooms with seats for 260 students. In just months after its opening, the school conferred its first diplomas ... two, to be

exact ... in the Assembly Chamber of the Capitol, just two blocks away, with Governor William Irwin presiding.

During the next two decades the school, by then known as the Sacramento Institute thrived until, in 1896 and at the urging of Bishop Thomas Grace of Sacramento, it became Christian Brothers College. The term "college" was not inappropriate, for in those days it was possible for a student to spend his years from the first grade through three years of college right there at 12th and K Streets before ... if he wished a degree ... transferring to Saint Mary's College. Thus it was that the concept of the junior college came a reality to the Sacramento area in the hands of the Brothers a good twenty years before Sacramento Junior College, as an adjunct of Sacramento High School, began offering post-secondary courses.

Brother Cianin, founding director-principal, was succeeded by members of his first Institute whose names Bertram, Sabinian, Genebren and Victor Ambrose are now footnotes to history. In 1900 Brother Vellesian came onto the scene only to return years later in the 1920's to preside over the construction of the "new school" at 21st and Y Streets. The history of the school in these early years is minimal in detail, perhaps because, as Brother Lewis noted with a rare touch of asperity, "Brothers Florinus Peter, V. Leo, and Jasper kept poor records." Maybe, by way of excuse, they were just too busy trying to keep board nailed to board in a crumbling edifice.

The downtown school was falling apart and the commercially valuable property ... still owned by the Diocese ... was sold. This put Brother Vellesian, his faculty, and student body in a position that was, at best, somewhat awkward. The property had to be vacated by June of 1923, and it would take a series of miracles to have a new school ready for the start of classes in August. Vellesian, a practical man, preferred to depend on his own resources rather than tax divine providence. The result was a move to the abandoned East Sacramento Public School building at 39th and J Streets, where Sacred Heart Church now stands.

It took seven months to iron out the details of construction which advanced at a break-neck pace: the contract was let on Feb. 4, 1924; ground was broken Feb. 11, the corner-stone laid on May 18, and students were in their classrooms and Brothers and boarders in their living quarters on Sept. 15. It would seem Brother Vellesian did have his miracle of sorts. The curriculum having been reduced some years before to eliminate college level courses, the school officially became known as Christian Brothers School on Nov. 5, 1924.

It was during the depression years that the school suffered a premature aging process. When maintenance money was just not there, the well loved Brother Patrick kept the boiler together with bailing wire and magic to provide heat for the classrooms. Meanwhile, the Brothers, on too many mornings, were shaving with cold water. Brother Patrick was also responsible for a major curriculum revision that revitalized the academic program of the school.

The toll of time was felt simultaneously by Christian Brothers, and the two girls high schools ... St. Joseph and St. Francis ... and thus it was in 1957 Bishop Armstrong High School, a co-institutional experiment in Catholic secondary education, was opened, and "old" Christian Brothers remained as a feeder school, offering freshman and sophomore classes only, and it appeared that never again would a diploma bear the name "Christian Brothers."

In 1964 two girls' four-year high schools were opened; thereby allowing an all-boys school to be re-established on the Sacramento Boulevard campus. In 1969, the name of the school was changed back to Christian Brothers High School. In 1990, with one of the girls' schools, Bishop Manogue High School, closing, Christian Brothers High School became co-educational and added the Manogue alumnae to the records as part of the alumni/alumnae association. Since then, the high school has grown to a student population of 1000 students annually. The women's athletic program has flourished under the leadership of talented and dedicated faculty and coaches, resulting in numerous championships over the years. The fine and performing arts and the co-curricular clubs have also expanded as a result of the growth of the student body. Many young women as well as young men from alumni families have attended CB, continuing a Falcon tradition.

In 1998 Christian Brothers High School adopted a Campus Master Plan that includes a state-of-the-art Science, Math and Technology Wing (SMAT), a second gymnasium, and a performing arts center. After much deliberation, the leadership of the school determined that the SMAT Wing was the first priority considering the current science labs are the same ones used in the 1950's. In 1999 the architectural plans and the fund raising campaign for the building commenced with a goal to open the building in spring 2002.

The heritage given to us by our founder, John Baptist de La Salle and by our local founders, Father Patrick Scanlon and Maggie Cunningham, is celebrated and honored today in the halls of our campus on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The spirit of Lasallian education lives on in our alumni, alumnae, our students, Christian Brothers families, and faculty.

The "old boys" from the Sacramento Institute are gone now and the ranks of those who still call it the "Brothers College" are thinning. However, the graduates, young and old, will still agree that what Daniel Webster once said in arguing the famous Dartmouth College case also applies to this alma mater:

"... it is a small school, but there are those who love it..."
indeed there are ... they number in the thousands.

Contributors:
Stanley Gilliam, '41
Jerry Kirrene, '53

Companies Operating in Sacramento in 1876

Fuller O'Brien - William Parmer Fuller came to Sacramento in 1848 during the goldrush. As most prospectors, he tried a new endeavor and turned to the manufacturing of paint instead.

Sara Lee Baking Company - Originally the company was known as the Pioneer Baking Co. which was started in 1848. Earl Schnetz purchased the business in 1880 and several members of the Schnetz family have attended Christian Brothers.

Wells Fargo Bank - On July 13, 1852 Wells Fargo opened its first office as a banking and express company on Montgomery Street in San Francisco. Wells Fargo also began business in Sacramento at about the same time.

Amador Stage Lines - Established in 1852.

Brenners Furniture - Founded by John Breuner from Baden, Germany in 1856 where he sold "cradles" used to separate the gold from the earth to the miners and prospectors.

McClatchy Newspapers, Inc. - The oldest paper, The Sacramento Bee, was founded in 1857 during the Gold Rush.

Sisters of Mercy - First started a school in 1857 at St. Rose Church which was located at 7th and K Sts. This was the beginning of Mercy education in Sacramento, and the friendship between the Sisters and the Christian Brothers.

Mc Kesson & Robbins - Henry Kirk founded a pharmacy in 1860 and named it Kirk & Co. In 1928 the company was renamed McKesson & Robbins. Descendants of the Geary family have attended Christian Brothers.

Union Pacific Railroad - The historic groundbreaking ceremony in 1863 for the Central Pacific Railway was held at the foot of K Street. The rails connected with the Union Pacific Railroad in 1869 to complete the transcontinental railroad.

Burnett & Sons Mill - In 1865 Philitus and his oldest son, Henry Burnett started a small shop in the rear of the family's home. They became known for their fine cabinets and staircases.

Nicoletti Culjis & Herberger Funeral Home - Original name in 1869 was Miller & McMullen. It was later purchased by Suerdon Herberger whose family members attended Christian Brothers.

HC Muddox - Although the company was formed two years after the opening of Christian Brothers, it is the company (now named: Pacific Coast Building Products) that is a sub-contractor for the new Science, Math & Technology wing that will open at Christian Brothers in April 2002.