

Christian Brothers C.B.S. land decision nears

Christian Brothers High School, which pre-dates the Sacramento diocese in age, may be on the verge of taking another major step in its 110-year history. Brother Richard Camara, FSC, principal of the 700-pupil school informed the *Herald* that "we are just a few months away from disclosing the primary site we're looking at" for eventual relocation of the high school.

The original "Christian Brothers College" was located across the street and up the block from the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento. (See photo). In 1923 a move took place to 21st and Broadway, where Bishop Manogue High is now. Then in 1956 the upper division of the school relocated to the present location at 4315 Sacramento Blvd. The school's name became Bishop Armstrong, a co-instructional junior and senior year school with girls attending classes in one wing and boys in another. In 1964 the campus reverted to a four-year boys' school.

Last year a special task force, after extensive study, made the decision that the school must move. "Task force II" is now in the process of implementing that decision, according to Brother Richard. Negotiations have been underway with several developers, but the issue is "too sensitive" to make any specific pronouncements now. However, the principal did concede that "we have come to the sense that we



Christian Brothers School, 12th and K Streets, 1876-1924. Rear view.

South (area of Sacramento)."

Potential feeder schools are primarily in the south area. Moreover, Christian Brothers' history is rooted in that area.

Individual members of the task force and Brother Richard himself have been talking to developers. The school would need a minimum of 50 acres. Factors such as accessibility, land improvements, and growth patterns of the surrounding community need to be taken into consideration.

The staff of Christian Brothers

and their instructional plant will be able to provide the kind of education which will be relevant to the needs of students in the 21st century. Brother Richard revealed that he sees a minimum of eight to ten million dollars necessary to accomplish the task.

Other questions such as the organization of a capital campaign and whether the school would be co-educational will be on the back burner until a location is secured.

"I would hope that land decision would be forthcoming this year," Brother Richard affirmed.

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