



Saint Joseph's Academy

Boarding and Day
School for the Girls

Conducted by the
Sisters of Mercy

One of the oldest educational institutions in the State. Courses: High School, Commercial and Special. Primary and Grammar Schools in connection with the Academy. Instrumental music a specialty.

Forty-four per cent of the total number of graduates of the Academy have become teachers in the public schools of California. Its commercial graduates hold positions of trust and responsibility in the business houses of our own and other cities of the State.

Send your girls and boys for Primary work to the Sisters. Send your girls through the Grammar, High School and Commercial courses if you wish to give them an education at once cultured and practical.

Between Eight and Ninth, F and G Streets, Sacramento, Cal.



which is known as St. Joseph's Academy, ranks among the best-equipped, having for its teachers the most cultured and intelligent ladies in the Sisterhood. It is a ladies' seminary, and has a career which dates back to the early history of Sacramento.

On October 2, 1857, Rev. Mother Mary Baptist Russell of St. Mary's hospital, in San Francisco, was interested in founding the St. Joseph's convent and school, located at Seventh and K streets the site now occupied by the postoffice. A few years later she was enabled to purchase the block between F and G streets on Eighth and Ninth streets, and here was erected a large building which served for both grammar and primary schools. The systematic conduct of these schools early commanded recognition and the attendance so increased that larger and more commodious quarters were required. In 1872 the present large building was erected and in 1875 it was incorporated under the name of St. Joseph's Academy.

The courses include primary, grammar, high school and academic studies, and there are various departments which embrace business and commercial courses, music, painting and embroidery, every opportunity being afforded to the ambitious and clever student to develop latent talents and acquire the culture and knowledge which go to create the charming and refined personality. There are now about four hundred

pupils in attendance, and the school is presided over by the Sisters of Mercy, who not alone provide the intellectual training which as a matter of course is an essential part, but also add the requisite of a quiet, refined manner and unselfish Christian living which has proved the superior element that has influenced their pupils. The school is beautifully situated and every precaution is taken to insure a healthy environment for the girls, the best-known methods being followed in every particular, and it is needless to say that the graduates rank among the most accomplished and intellectual women of the state.

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