



Christian Brothers College, 12th and K Street

St. John Baptist de La Salle, the “patron saint of teachers,” founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Reims, France, in 1680 to provide youths the opportunity for religious education and the means to achieve academic excellence. For over 300 years the Brothers have earned a distinguished reputation by their devotion to the universal education of young people. Today, they sponsor approximately 1,600 institutions of learning in 83 countries worldwide, serving over one million students.

In 1876 members of the Catholic community in Sacramento were not satisfied with public education and wanted to provide a religious education for their children. Maggie Cunningham and Father Patrick Scanlan led the way in opening our first Christian Brothers school. The first campus was a three-story, four-classroom building on 12th and K Streets with seats for 260 male students. All but 10 seats were filled within 6 months. Seven Brothers of the Christian Schools were assigned to this school. Brother Cianan was founding director-principal.

Since its beginnings in 1876, the Christian Brothers tradition has flourished. Generations of Christian Brothers’ alumni have been and continue to be leaders in Sacramento — providing vision and dedication to our region and beyond. We celebrate our 125-year heritage with you — our alumni, parents, students and friends.

During the 125th year, the *Connection* magazine will highlight moments in our history, which have defined our school community and created lasting memories for many Sacramentans. Each issue will focus on a campus and period of history.

Enjoy the journey through the past years and our celebration of our Lasallian heritage.



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