

*Christian
Brothers
High School*



*A Century
Of Service
Through
Christian Education
To Sacramento*

1876 - 1976



Christian Brothers High School History

In 1876, with California's Governor Irwin in attendance, the Most Reverend Archbishop Joseph Alemany dedicated St. Patrick's Institute at 12th and K Streets on what is now the site of Weinstock's department store. The original St. Patrick's Institute became Sacramento Institute in 1884 and twenty years later, in 1904 it became known as Christian Brothers College.

For one year, after the "old" school was sold in 1923, Christian Brothers College was situated on the property now occupied by Sacred Heart Church at 39th and J Streets. The "new" school, which was to be called Christian Brothers School was being constructed at 21st and Broadway and on September 18, 1924, the school welcomed its first students. Several years later a Gymnasium was completed and it was dedicated January 24, 1927. No further major permanent construction was carried out until 1950 when a new cafeteria was completed.

A number of factors brought major changes in the Catholic education program in Sacramento in 1956. Freshman and Sophomore boys continued to be enrolled at Christian Brothers while the Junior and Senior boys joined the girls from St. Joseph and St. Francis high schools at a new campus and in a new co-institutional school known as Bishop J. Armstrong High School. With the completion of the new St. Francis High School in 1964, Bishop Armstrong High School became a four year boys school under the administration and ownership of the Christian Brothers. The property at 21st and Broadway was returned to the Sacramento Diocese. In 1968 the school underwent its last name change. It now became known as Christian Brothers High School, dedicated to Bishop Robert J. Armstrong.

While the name may have been changed, methods developed, and adaptations made according to the times, the basic dynamic has always been the same, to offer a quality education to young men.