

## Featuring St. Rose of Lima School



In 1922, eight IHM Sisters traveled from Monroe to Detroit's east side to teach at the new St. Rose of Lima School. They were joined by six lay teachers for the 656 students enrolled.

Students came from throughout the area. Most were from local public schools, but 150 were from nearby Annunciation (at which IHM Sisters also taught). Although open for classes, construction continued for the first six weeks of the school year. "On Oct. 15," the convent chronicler reported, "all were in

classrooms. This meant that the children had desks, the teacher, standing room."

The high school opened in 1924 with 52 students and enrollment more than tripled four years later, to 163 students. St. Rose of Lima remained a small school by the standards of the day. At its peak, enrollment hovered around 1,000. The **Class of 1964**, our featured class year, was made up of 40 students.



**Left:** Sister Mary Aiden Sullivan, IHM, and students during the 1963-64 year

By 1960, 197 students were enrolled in St. Rose High School. The chronicler noted, "Senior boys received special training in the reading of the Epistle and the Gospels so that they might perform this service at Sunday Masses." The following year, the girls' varsity basketball team was a runner-up for the east-side championship.

As for the boys, the convent chronicler made note that, "Sept. 20, 1965, was a Red Letter Day for St. Rose Football Club, for they scored their first victory in seven years."

In early 1967, students and parents were told that "We are in the process of consolidation and St. Rose High School will be no more."

An all-school reunion is planned for October 22 (see [reunions scheduled](#)).

## Also hosting an October reunion

**Holy Redeemer - Class of 1966** (see [reunion details](#)) Holy Redeemer opened in Detroit in 1882 with four IHM Sisters and about 100 students. By 1922, 1,700 students were enrolled, and 32 IHMs taught at the school. Many in the 198-members Class of 1966 still remember winning the Myron Fritts Trophy, the Junior-Senior Prom at the Whittier Hotel and participating in the choral production of *My Fair Lady*.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel - Class of 1956** (see [reunion details](#)) Our Lady of Good Counsel opened in Detroit in 1936 with 226 students and five IHM Sisters. By 1955-56, there were 943 students and 15 IHMs. Among the highlights of the year for the 98 eighth-graders was attending a concert by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Masonic Hall.

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## Trivia - 1964



### In 1964

Lyndon B. Johnson was president of the United States; there was no vice president.



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Three civil rights workers--James Cheney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner--were murdered in Mississippi.

Henry Mancini's "*The Days of Wine and Roses*," won a Grammy Award for Record of the Year. Album of the Year went to *The Barbra Streisand Album*, by Barbra Streisand.

U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry affirmed that cigarette smoking causes cancer.