

Featuring Holy Redeemer School, Detroit



Four IHM Sisters traveled to Detroit's Holy Redeemer School in 1882 to teach 135 children. Its goal from the beginning was focused on the whole student - body, mind and spirit.

It was a focus parents appreciated, and enrollment more than doubled in two years. Boys and girls were in separate classes, and when Holy Redeemer Parish opened the high school in 1897, two separate schools were created. The IHM

Sisters taught the girls, and the Brothers of Mary taught the boys. The school continued to grow rapidly, and by 1919, 29 IHM Sisters taught more than 2,000 students.



In June 1944, the pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish made the decision to consolidate the two high schools after the Brothers of Mary left the boys' school. The convent chronicler reported that they would "utilize the boys' building for the entire school so that pupils may share equally in all parish facilities and educational opportunities." Until the 1944-45 school year, all of the classrooms and laboratories of the girls' school were in a basement.

Enrollment remained steady over the next few years, and as immigrants and first-generation Americans began moving to the parish in the late 1950s, Holy Redeemer School adopted a curriculum to meet the language needs of all its students. In the early '60s, the school had a federally funded work program for students to pay tuition.

Ann Mary Schaden, IHM, was the high school principal during our [featured class year](#) - 1967. The 852 students in grades 9-12 were taught by lay teachers and 23 IHM Sisters. The seniors were guided by homeroom teachers Sisters Jane Edward, Eleanor and Patrick Downey, as well as by Mr. Fred Howard.



Some of the highlights for the Class of 1967 included their retreats. The girls spent their weekend retreat at a CYO camp north of Detroit, and the boys

spent theirs at the Passionist Monastery. A busy spring saw Holy Redeemer's theatrical production of Brigadoon. The junior-senior prom was held at the Whittier, and the student council's "Inaugural Ball" followed the honors convocation June 8, 1967.

On June 11, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, the 178 members of the senior class graduated. During the weekend of Aug. 10-12, 2007, the class will celebrate its [40th reunion](#).

Holy Redeemer High School closed in 2005.

Trivia - 1967

Lyndon B. Johnson was president of the United States. The U.S. population was 198,712,056; unemployment stood at 3.8 percent; life expectancy was 70.5 years. A first-class stamp cost a nickel.

Astronauts Col. Virgil I. Grissom, Col. Edward White II and Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee were killed in fire during a test launch of Apollo I.

Rolling Stone and *New York Magazine* debuted, spawning the popularity of special-interest and regional magazines. Congress created PBS.

The "Song of the Year" Grammy went to "Michelle," written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

A Man for All Seasons won an Oscar for Best Picture.

The Emmy for "Outstanding Comedy Series" went to *The Monkees*; *Mission: Impossible* received an Emmy for "Outstanding Dramatic Series."

Super Bowl I was held Jan. 15, 1967 at Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles in front of 61,946 fans. The Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10.

Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Spencer Tracy, Woody Guthrie, Langston Hughes and John Coltrane died.