

## **College of Mount St. Joseph**

### **Historical Highlights**

The beginnings of the College of Mount St. Joseph are linked to the educational endeavors of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. In 1854 the Sisters established Mount St. Vincent Academy, a day and boarding school for girls, located at their Motherhouse in Price Hill. The boarding academy was relocated to the new Motherhouse in Delhi Township in 1906 and the name was changed to Mount St. Joseph Academy. By the late teens the Academy began offering post-graduate work and in 1919 the Sisters received approval for the establishment of the College of Mount St. Joseph.

#### **Significant Dates**

- 1854 Mount St. Vincent Academy, founded and operated by the Sisters of Charity opened at their first Motherhouse, Mount Harrison on Lehman Road in East Price Hill.
- 1857 Mount St. Vincent Academy and Motherhouse moved to the Judge Alderson estate in West Price Hill. The property was dubbed "Cedar Grove" and the home was called "The Cradle."
- 1906 Resident students from Mount St. Vincent Academy transferred from their Cedar Grove site to Mount St. Joseph in Delhi Township, just west of Cincinnati. The elementary and high school for girls was called Mount St. Joseph Academy.
- 1919 After several years of offering post-graduate classes at the Academy, the Sisters of Charity applied to the State of Ohio for a charter to operate a college. The charter was granted April 10, 1920. On July 1 Archbishop Henry Moeller gave the permission of the diocese for the establishment of the college, and September 15 the first twenty students arrived to begin classes.
- 1921 A two year normal course leading to a teaching certificate was established. This program was discontinued in 1926 when the Archdiocese opened the Athenaeum program for teachers certification.
- 1923 The College was approved by the National Catholic Education Association.
- 1924 June 11 -- The first graduates of the College included seven lay women and two Sisters of Charity. They established the Alumnae Association.
- 1927 Seton Hall, the new classroom and dormitory building for the College, was opened to accommodate an enrollment of 130 students. The Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing was affiliated with the College and a five-year integrated program in nursing was established.

- 1932 The College was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
- 1933 Sister Maria Corona Molloy was named Dean of the College.
- 1937 February 14 -- A devastating fire caused over \$200,000 damage to the boiler room and kitchen serving the College and Motherhouse.
- 1939 The former laundry at the Mount was renovated as Regina Hall to house the student lounge and art department.
- 1947 Mount St. Joseph Academy closed to allow room for the expansion of the College.
- 1953 The College establishes its elementary education program to address the critical need for teachers.
- 1954 Plans to build a new college campus to house the growing number of students was announced by the Sisters of Charity. The following year sit preparation was begun for a new 75 acre campus.
- 1959 Sister Maria Corona Molloy was named as President of the College. She served until her retirement in 1967. Also in 1959 an Associate Board of Lay Trustees was formed.
- 1960 March 19 -- Groundbreaking ceremony for the new campus was held.
- 1962 The new campus opened in September with 45 new classrooms, 23 labs, and dorm facilities for 650. The campus was dedicated the following April.
- 1972 The College was incorporated in the State of Ohio separate from the Sisters of Charity
- 1977 Sister Jean Patrice Harrington was named president of the College.
- 1977 Weekend College was begun.
  - 1978 Master of Arts in Education initiated
  - 1978-79 Mount Annual Fund begun
  - 1980 Evening College established
  - 1982 Program in Cooperative Education introduced
  - 1982 Project EXCEL begun
  - 1984 Management of Nursing Services program begun
  - 1986 College becomes coeducational
- 1987 Sister Francis Marie Thrailkill, O.S.U. was named president of the College.

- 1988 Master of Arts in Pastoral Family Studies initiated
- 1988 Major campus renovation begins with support of Forward Fund
- 1990 First season of football played
- 1991 *Vision 2000 Plan* adopted. Significant projects included campus-wide technology, curriculum revision, and campus renovations.
- 1993 Honors Program begun
- 1993 Model program in Service Learning launched
- 1997 Health Sciences Suite opens
- 1998 Harrington Center is dedicated; the Thomas L. Conlon Center opens centralizing registration, student records, financial aid, billing, and advising services
- 1998 Marching Band formed
- 2000 Mount becomes one of America's first wireless colleges with the adoption of MELIN
- 2002 *Shaping Tomorrow*, a campus master plan developed
- 2004 Sports Complex, Schuler Field, Midland Plaza and the new parking deck opened, followed by extensive renovations in subsequent years
- 2005 First doctoral program approved in physical therapy
- 2007 New degree program in Sports Management begins.

2008 Dr. Tony Aretz was named president of the College.