

IMPORTANT DATES IN SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

- 1841 Founding of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Le Mans, France.
- 1843 First four Sisters of the Holy Cross came from France to Notre Dame, Indiana
- 1844 Establishment of a school at Bertrand, Michigan.
- 1848 First commencement.
- 1851 Charter granted by the State of Michigan.
- 1855 Saint Mary's Academy moves to present site at Notre Dame, Indiana.

Chartered by the State of Indiana: First Catholic Women's College empowered to grant degrees.
- 1859 First permanent chapel on campus: Holy House of Loretto.
- 1861-65 Sisters of the Holy Cross serve in hospitals and on battlefields of the Civil War.
- 1862 Bertrand Hall erected.
- 1879 Alumnae Association founded. First among Catholic women's colleges, seventh among all women's colleges.
- 1885 Church of Loretto constructed.
- 1897 First alumnae club established in Chicago.
- 1899 First successful wireless message in the United States received at Saint Mary's College from the University of Notre Dame.
- 1903 Holy Cross Hall dedicated.
- 1923 Pine Grove Club House built as a social center for seniors. Fund-raising activities by the Class of 1922 helped to finance the building.
- 1925 Le Mans Hall completed.
- 1927 First alumnae office established on Saint Mary's campus. Marion McCandless named Alumnae Association Secretary.
- 1939 Riedinger House (home economics "practice" house) opened.

- 1941 Alumnae Centennial Library built for a student body of 500. Majority of funds contributed by alumnae.
- 1943 Graduate school of Sacred Theology for women established; the first of its kind.
- 1956 O'Laughlin Auditorium/Moreau Hall (fine arts complex) completed.
- 1966 McCandless Hall (named for Marion McCandless '00, first alumnae secretary) and a new Dining Hall completed.
- 1968 Madeleva Hall dedicated (named for Sister M. Madeleva, C.S.C. [Eva Wolff '09], president, 1934-1961); Regina Hall acquired for student residence.
- 1975 Campus School renamed Havican Hall (named for Mother M. Rose Elizabeth Havican, C.S.C., former Superior General of the Sisters of the Holy Cross) and renovated to accommodate the reinstated nursing program.
- 1977 Angela Athletic Facility completed (named in honor of Mother Angela Gillespie, C.S.C., after whom Saint Angela's Hall, an original campus building and recreational facility, had been named previously).
- 1982 Cushwa-Leighton Library completed for a student population of 1800 (named for Mary Lou Morris Leighton, local philanthropist and honorary alumna, and Margaret Hall Cushwa '30, esteemed and generous alumna).
- 1983 Alumnae Centennial Library converted into Haggar College Center and Shaheen Bookstore.
- 1986 Renovation of Science Building begun.
- 1987 Science Building dedicated.
- 1994 Saint Mary's celebrated 150th anniversary of its founding.