

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

FOR BOYS

CONDUCTED BY THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

TIPTON, INDIANA

1908 - 1922

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS OPENED ITS DOORS IN 1908, FOUR YEARS AFTER ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY WAS MOVED FROM MILL STREET IN TOWN TO A WOODED AREA ONE MILE NORTH OF TOWN.

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY WAS A BOARDING SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AND A LIMITED NUMBER OF GRADE SCHOOL GIRLS. THE BUILDING WAS A BEAUTIFUL RED BRICK STRUCTURE. ST. MARY'S BOY SCHOOL WAS A SMALL GREY BUNGALOW BUILT TO ACCOMMODATE A LIMITED NUMBER OF BOYS FROM GRADES ONE TO EIGHT. IT WAS OPENED DUE TO MANY APPLICATIONS FROM PARENTS WHO DESIRED SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR THEIR YOUNG SONS.

STUDIES WERE THE USUAL ONES OFFERED FOR EACH GRADE TO MEET STATE REQUIREMENTS. IN ADDITION WERE CLASSES IN ART, MUSIC (PIANO, VIOLIN, AND VOICE). PENMANSHIP WAS STRESSED AND TO RECEIVE A DIPLOMA IN PALMER METHOD WAS A GREAT HONOR.

CATALOGS WERE SENT OUT LISTING ALL REQUIREMENTS OF WARDROBE, COURSES OFFERED, PRICES OF TUITION AND CHARGES FOR ALL MUSIC LESSONS.

WORD GOT AROUND ABOUT THE BOYS' SCHOOL AND AFTER A VERY FEW YEARS THE LITTLE GREY COTTAGE WAS FILLED TO CAPACITY. THE OLDER BOYS REMAINED THERE AND THE YOUNGER BOYS WERE HOUSED IN THE WEST SIDE OF THE CONVENT BUILDING. IN 1915 THE ENROLLMENT HAD INCREASED TO 40 BOYS. IT WAS THEN A LARGE ROOM WAS ADDED TO THE

EAST SIDE OF THE CONVENT. THIS ROOM BECAME THE SCHOOL ROOMS AND HAD AN OUTSIDE ENTRANCE.

WITH THE GRADUATION OF THE TWO OLDEST BOYS, MARTIN QUINN AND THOMAS GOGGIN, THE CONGREGATION FELT IT WAS NECESSARY TO CLOSE ST. MARY'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS. IN 1922 THE PARENTS WERE NOTIFIED THERE WOULD BE NO FALL CLASSES. THIS WAS SAD NEWS FOR BOTH LITTLE BOYS AND THEIR PARENTS.

THE GREY COTTAGE BECAME THE HOME FOR THE RESIDENT CHAPLAIN. IN 1986 THE BUILDING BECAME A SPIRITUALITY CENTER CALLED LITTLE NODDFA UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SISTER WANDA WETLI.

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY WAS IN OPERATION FROM 1888 TO 1972. THE GRADUATES OF THE ACADEMY RETURN EACH YEAR FOR THE ANNUAL ALUMNAE GATHERING.

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING.

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MORE FACTS ABOUT THIS SCHOOL

AMONG THE BEST REMEMBERED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED BOARDERS WERE ADRIAN, AGE 7 AND MARTIN QUINN, AGE 5. THEIR MOTHER, MRS. CATHERINE QUINN, WAS A WIDOW. SHE WAS AN EXCELLENT TAILORESS AND, BEFORE HER MARRIAGE, HAD LIVED IN INDIANAPOLIS. BECAUSE OF HER HUSBAND'S POOR HEALTH SHE HAD MOVED WITH HIM TO DENVER. AFTER HER HUSBAND'S DEATH, SHE WAS ABLE TO REGAIN HER FORMER EMPLOYMENT AS A TAILORESS AT L. S. AYRES STORE.

AT FIRST SHE ATTEMPTED TO TAKE CARE OF THE BOYS HERSELF, BUT FOUND THAT THIS WAS TOO DIFFICULT. SOMEONE SUGGESTED ST. MARY'S SCHOOL TO HER. SHE MADE ARRANGEMENTS AND THE TWO BOYS WERE ENROLLED; HOWEVER, AFTER A WEEK, SHE WAS SO LONELY FOR THEM, THAT SHE CAME AND TOOK THEM OUT. WITHIN A SHORT TIME, SHE FOUND THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, SO THE BOYS WERE RETURNED.

MARTIN LEFT ONLY TWICE--ONCE TO FINISH HIS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION IN INDIANAPOLIS AND NEXT TO ENLIST IN THE ARMED FORCES IN WORLD WAR II. THE NEXT TIME THAT HE LEFT WAS WHEN HE WAS CARRIED TO OUR SISTERS' CEMETERY WHERE HE WAS BURIED BESIDE HIS MOTHER. ADRIAN LEFT TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND RETURNED AT VACATION AND AFTER FINISHING THE YEAR.

WRITTEN BY SISTER CELESTINE MAGERS. 1979.

THOSE WHO TOOK CARE OF THE BOYS:

TEACHERS:

SISTER CELESTINE MAGERS
SISTER MADONNA WALSH
SISTER VERONICA ROSWOG
SISTER MAGDALENE WILHELM

OTHER CARE GIVERS:

SISTER CECILIA BRADLEY
SISTER SERAPHINE MAHER
SISTER PETRONILLA

MASSOTH

FATHER PETER BIEGEL, CHAPLAIN

POSTULANTS & NOVICES:

CLEANING & LAUNDRY