

“Unless the Lord build the House They labor in vain Who build it”



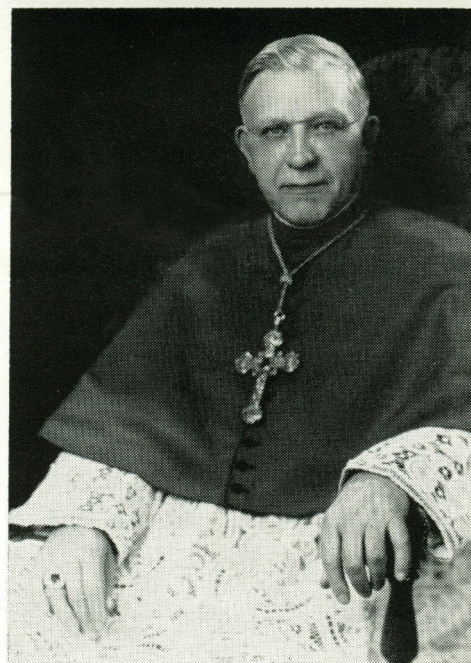
Monsignor John W. O'Rafferty

In the naming of O'Rafferty High School the people of Lansing pay special honor to the sixty-five years of faithful priestly service rendered by Monsignor John W. O'Rafferty.

As pastor of St. Mary Cathedral for twenty-five years, Monsignor contributed much to the religious and civic fiber of this community. He considered the building of the former St. Mary High School one of the greatest accomplishments of his pastorate. Certainly its successor, O'Rafferty, is a fitting tribute to his memory.

O'Rafferty Aims

- to implant an awareness of God and a conviction of one's absolute need of supernatural aid.
 - to instill a love and appreciation of American democracy and a willingness to accept duties of citizenship.
 - to motivate courageous, apostolic Catholics.
 - to cultivate a love and respect for Christian family life.
 - to stimulate the self-sacrifice necessary to promote the common good.
 - to guide students in choosing a profession or vocation.
- To give the world Catholics who joyfully bear the torch of freedom and the Cross of Christianity.



Bishop Joseph H. Albers

The opening of John W. O'Rafferty High School marks another milestone in the episcopate of Bishop Albers. Ever aware of the growing needs of education in his diocese, he has spared no effort to provide for the youth of the Lansing area an adequate Catholic education. The completion of O'Rafferty is the consummation of many years of planning and sacrifice by the Bishop, clergy and laity of Lansing. With gratitude and pride the present generation views this accomplishment and hopes that future generations will benefit from its educational advantages.

. . . Administration . . .

O'Rafferty is a co-institutional high school, conducted by the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Christian Brothers, as they are commonly called, were established in 1684 by St. John Baptist de La Salle. In recognition of his contribution to Christian education, Pope Pius XII proclaimed St. La Salle the Special Patron of All Teachers. The Brothers have as their primary apostolate the Christian education of young men.

The Sisters of Charity are one of the seven communities who claim Blessed Elizabeth Seton as their foundress. The community aims to serve the Church in the apostolates of teaching, nursing and the care of orphans. In the decree of Beatification the Holy See paid tribute to the heroic spirit of Mother Seton and her contribution to American Catholic education.

The third component of O'Rafferty, the lay faculty, teach in every area of the school from the arts to the sciences. Their professional competence adds to the stature of the school. Together with these communities they strive to instill in their students the highest ideals of American Catholics.

. . . Cost of the School . . .

Since the generosity and sense of duty of the people of Lansing have made the dream of O'Rafferty a reality, the administration would like to give some idea of how the money was used. The following is a general breakdown of the construction costs:

General Contract	\$813,541.00
Mechanical Contract	453,500.00
Electrical Contract	146,969.00
Generators	41,142.00
Total Cost	\$1,455,152.00

125,000 square feet—Cost per square foot.....\$ 11.65

The above figures do not include the cost of the land, landscaping, or equipment. Designed to accommodate a thousand students, the present plant can be expanded.