



CARDINAL GIBBONS

SHORT JOURNEY

RETREAT CENTER



Cardinal Gibbons Short Journey Retreat Center

OUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

1926

Short Journey school opened as a Rosenwald school. Principal Eva J. Cooper led four teachers and 183 students.

1950

Four additional classrooms were added, along with restrooms and central air conditioning. Short Journey School transported 390 students daily using eight buses.

1955-1968

The school expanded its curriculum with music and extracurriculars, including glee club, first aid club, penmanship club, and boys and girls basketball teams.

1969

Integration led to the closure of Short Journey School. The school had over 485 students and 13 teachers. Mrs. Eva J. Cooper was still principal at the time of closing after 43 years.

1983

The Catholic Diocese of Raleigh purchased Short Journey School. The school became a retreat center that would host youth retreats and young adult gatherings.

2019

Cardinal Gibbons Short Journey Retreat Center opened. The center is used for spiritual retreats and team building.

2018

After serving the diocese for 35 years, Cardinal Gibbons High School purchased the Short Journey Retreat Center.

4

dorm rooms with 18 beds

65

person chapel

6

large meeting rooms

60

person dining hall

4

counselor rooms with twin beds

13

acres in Smithfield

AUDITORIUM

with large stage, screen, projector, and sound system

OUTDOORS

fire pit, walking labyrinth, low ropes/team building course, pavilion, large deck, and gaga ball

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