Notre Dame Academy Celebrates 75 Years of All-Girls, Mission-Driven Education
Community Invited to Anniversary Mass on January 10th

Worcester, MA - January 6, 2026: Notre Dame Academy (NDA), Central Massachusetts' only all-girls Catholic school, proudly announces the start of its 75th anniversary year, commemorating over seven decades of academic excellence, leadership formation, and faith-filled education.

Founded in 1951 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Notre Dame Academy continues to provide young women with transformational experiences rooted in Saint Julie Billiart's mission of "teach them what they need to know for life." Today, the Academy continues to thrive as a learning community where students discover their strengths, build confidence, and grow as leaders committed to service.

"As we celebrate this milestone, we honor the thousands of women whose lives have been shaped at Notre Dame Academy, and we give heartfelt thanks to the faculty, staff, and administrators whose dedication and leadership have guided and supported them for 75 years," said Elissa Boisvert, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur created far more than a school; they built a mission-driven community rooted in integrity, service, and faith. We are privileged to carry that legacy forward."

Dr. Marilyn Tencza, Head of School, added, "Our 75th anniversary is a time to reflect with gratitude on our history while looking with confidence to the future. Notre Dame Academy remains deeply committed to educating the whole person and preparing young women to make meaningful, lasting contributions to the world. As I prepare to retire in June of 2026, it has been a profound honor to lead NDA. I am confident that our school and mission will continue to thrive under the leadership of Linda Anderson, who joins NDA as Head of School Elect in January and will guide the Academy into our next chapter."

To officially begin its anniversary year, NDA will host a 75th Anniversary Mass on Saturday, January 10th, at 4:00 PM in Cuvilly Auditorium at Notre Dame Academy. Students, families, alumnae, and the broader community are warmly invited to join this special celebration of faith, gratitude, and tradition. For details and to RSVP, visit www.nda-worc.org/schoollife/events. For those unable to participate in person at NDA, the Mass will be available to view via livestream.

Throughout 2026, NDA will highlight its history, celebrate the achievements of its alumnae, and share new initiatives designed to strengthen academic innovation, leadership programming, and the Academy's long-term vision. These moments will recognize our community and celebrate the mission that continues to unite us in faith, learning, and leadership. Stay informed by following Notre Dame Academy (Worcester) on social media and visiting our website: www.nda-worc.org for updates, event details, and stories commemorating our 75th Anniversary.

About Notre Dame Academy – Worcester
Notre Dame Academy is an all-girls independent Catholic school in Worcester, Massachusetts, serving students in grades 7–12. Founded in 1951 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the Academy is rooted in the tradition of goodness and knowledge and is committed to educating the whole person. NDA offers rigorous academics with honors and Advanced Placement courses, complemented by strong programs in languages, visual and performing arts, STEM, athletics, and student leadership. Through faith formation, service, and experiential learning, Notre Dame Academy prepares students to become confident leaders and compassionate global citizens.

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