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Cathedral High School Celebrates 50 Years of Women

[Indianapolis-January 2026] — Cathedral High School proudly celebrates **50 Years of Women at Cathedral**—a milestone honoring the strength, faith, and achievements of generations of women who have shaped our community.

Founded in 1918 as an all-boys Catholic high school in Holy Cross tradition, Cathedral has long been rich in history and tradition. The first classes were held on the second floor of Cathedral Grade School at 13th and Pennsylvania, before the school moved to 14th and Meridian Streets in downtown Indianapolis, which would be its home for the next 50 years.

In the early 1970s, Cathedral faced declining enrollment and shifting population patterns. The school's future seemed uncertain—until the leadership and vision of **Robert V. Welch '45** and the newly formed **Cathedral Trustees, Inc.**, saved it from closure. In 1976, Cathedral found a new home at the former Ladywood-St. Agnes School, an all-girls Catholic school recently closed by the Sisters of Providence. That same year, Cathedral opened its doors to young women for the first time, officially making the school co-ed.

Now, five decades later, we celebrate the courage and brilliance of those first young women—and the thousands who have followed—who have enriched Cathedral through their excellence in academics, arts, athletics, service, and faith.

Our year-and-a-half celebration honors these trailblazers while inspiring today's students to continue their legacy. With faith as our guide and the spirit of Holy Cross leading the way, we move confidently into the next 50 years.

With her leading, we shall not tire!

About Cathedral High School

Cathedral is a private, independent, Catholic, college-preparatory school serving 1,100 students in grades 9 to 12. The school was founded in 1918 by the Brothers of Holy Cross and for 107 years has followed the philosophy of transforming a diverse group of students to have the competence to see and the courage to act. For more information about our 50 Years of Women Celebration, visit gocathedral.com/with-her-leading.

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