

Marycrest

TIMELINE

- 1917** Sisters of St. Francis first arrive in Denver and teach at St. Elizabeth's School
- 1938** Midwestern (or Sacred Heart) Province of the Sisters of St. Francis created and headquartered in Denver
- 1938** Mother Lidwina Jacobs acquires the former J.B. Walker estate, "Willowcrest," in northwest Denver, for \$25,000
- 1950** Sisters purchase the adjacent Painter property, including its mansion, on Federal Boulevard
- 1954** First section of the Motherhouse completed and opened
- 1958** Remainder of the Motherhouse built
- 1958** All-girls Marycrest High School opens in old Painter House
- 1960** New Marycrest High School building constructed
- 1963** Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine completed
- 1963** Damen Hall, a home for at-risk mothers and their children, started
- 1964** Adult Education Tutorial Program established
- 1966** Peak of women taking vows, with 26 at Marycrest alone
- 1968** Queen of Peace Oratory House of Prayer constructed
- 1971** Marycrest Emergency Housing program established
- 1988** Marycrest High School closes
- 1998** Marycrest Assisted Living residences open
- 2005** With dwindling numbers, sisters offer Marycrest for sale
- 2008** Remaining sisters move to *Casa Chiara*, eco-friendly duplexes on the Marycrest site