



# Tour Stop #1: *Grotto & Labyrinth*

The Grotto and the Labyrinth offer visitors a quiet, serene spot for prayer and contemplation. Even as the campus has grown and changed over the years, a concerted effort has been made to maintain the Grotto – and more recently, the Labyrinth – to reflect the mission and heritage of the Dominican order.

The Grotto has been a quiet sanctuary since 1929 when Sr. M. Benita Newhouse, OP led a fundraising effort to make the Grotto a gift to the university from the Class of 1930. In 2008, the Grotto underwent a renovation where flagstones were reset and lighting was added in the trees and on the ground to illuminate the statue of Mary. The Labyrinth was a gift in 2015 from Dianne Costanzo, a lecturer in the university's LAS Seminars program. Inspired by a trip to Chartres Cathedral outside Paris during participation in Dominican's Fanjeaux program, Dianne wanted Dominican faculty, staff and students to have a place to “slow down their hectic lives and carve out time to be contemplative.” Dominican's labyrinth is also modeled after the version at the Sinsinawa Dominican Motherhouse.



**President Donna M. Carroll and Dianne Costanzo at the Labyrinth**





# Tour Stop #2: *Parmer Hall - The Sisters' Wall*

A dream of President Donna Carroll's since she came to the university in 1994, a 10-year, \$50 million capital campaign was launched and its crowning achievement was Parmer Hall, the university's newest and single-largest building. Parmer Hall boasts 124,000 square feet of instructional and research facilities, including The Borra College of Health Sciences. With a naming gift from John and Carolyn Parmer '52, the building was dedicated on August 30, 2007.

## **Did You Know?**

A large concrete and iron mural art piece called "The Form Makers" used to stand on the location of where Parmer Hall is now built. Students from 1976-2007 may remember the 10' tall, 57' long structure. In 2007, the piece was recycled. The university contacted the family of the donor about reacquiring the piece. They felt the piece had lived its purpose and thought it should be retired permanently.





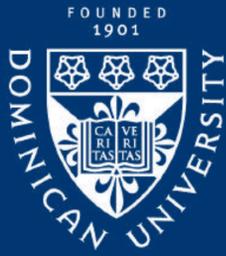
## Tour Stop #3: *Magnus Arts Center & Old Science Building*

For 48 years, the Albertus Magnus Building served as home to the sciences. In the mid-2000's the university demolished the addition to the original science building. In the place where the old science building once stood, a four-story parking garage was erected. Today, the Magnus Arts Center is home to the Sr. Nona McGreal Center for Dominican Historical Studies, scheduling and event services, dance and art studios and faculty offices.

### **Did You Know?**

Under the Magnus Arts Center building lies a cistern that holds about 60,000 gallons of water. Forgotten and dormant for decades, the cistern is now the pride of the university green initiative. The cistern provides all of the sprinkling needs on campus. It is estimated that the well and cistern saves up to six million gallons of water per year, reducing River Forest's overall water usage. Pretty innovative for something that, despite its massive size, doesn't appear on any of the original blueprints for the university!





# Tour Stop #4: *Igini Sports Forum*

The facilities on campus for physical education and sports have evolved and changed over the years to meet the needs of the college's offerings. When intercollegiate athletics came to campus in the early 1980's it became clear that the current sporting facilities could not support the needs of Rosary's teams.

The groundbreaking for the Sports Forum and College Center took place on November 4, 1987. In 1992, the Sports Forum was officially named the Igini Sports Forum. Dr. John P. Igini, a former trustee, made a gift in memory of his late wife, Jane Stromsen Igini '49.

## **Did You Know?**

Yes, it's true and not just a clever lore. When the university was renamed in 1997, the mascot changed from the Rosary Rebels to the Dominican Stars. But, before that? Our teams were called the Rosary ... Beads!





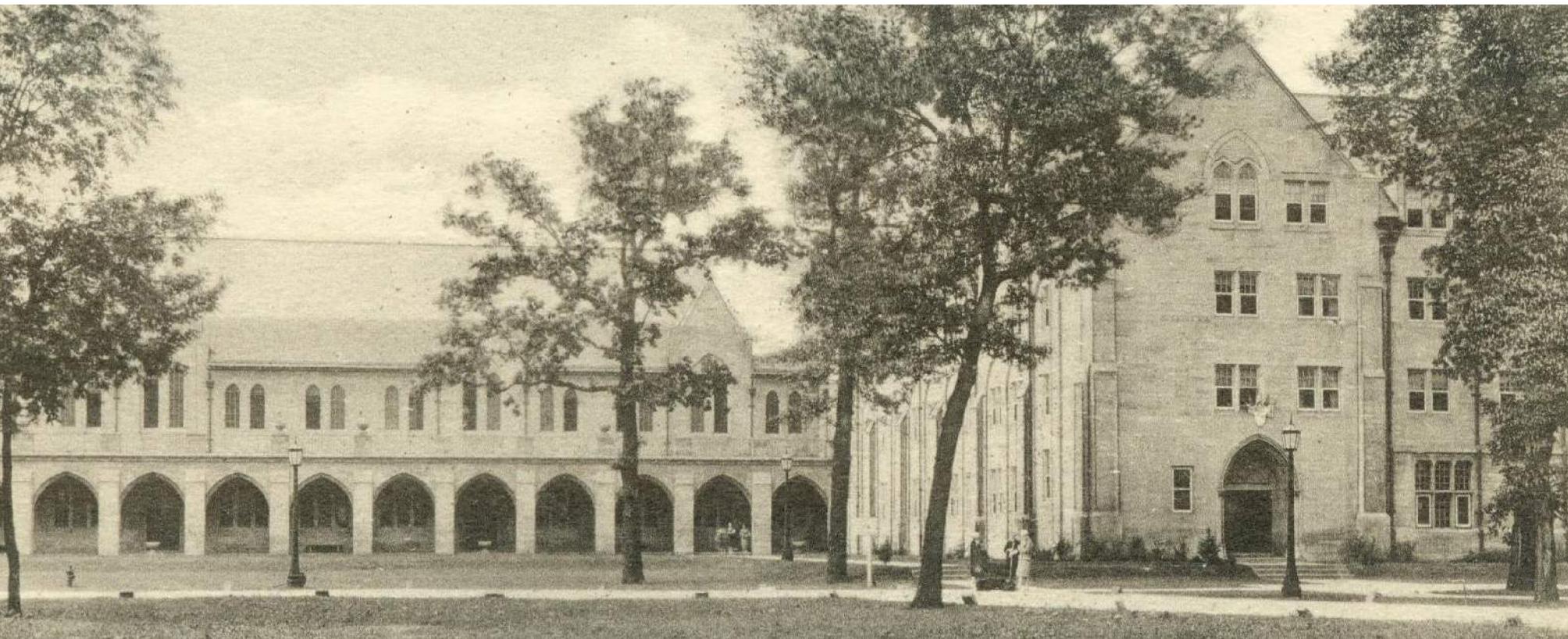
# Tour Stop #5: *Power Hall - Clock Lobby*

When this land was purchased in 1920, a building fund was started and the cornerstone for Mother Emily Power Memorial Hall was laid. Power Hall was not finished when the first classes began in improvised classrooms on October 1, 1922.

Today, Power Hall houses upperclassmen dormitories, the departments of University Advancement and Athletics, the fitness center, the Clock Lobby, Stephan Bookstore and the “L” – which, for students from the 1990’s and early 2000’s was known as “The Grill.”

## **Did You Know?**

During World War II, “the tunnel” leading from Power Hall to Lewis Hall was used as a fallout shelter. Today, if you head to the “mini quad” (the smaller quad between Power, Coughlin and Murray) and look out the outside wall just to the left of where the covered blue awning leads you to the dorms, you’ll see an original Fallout Shelter sign still posted.





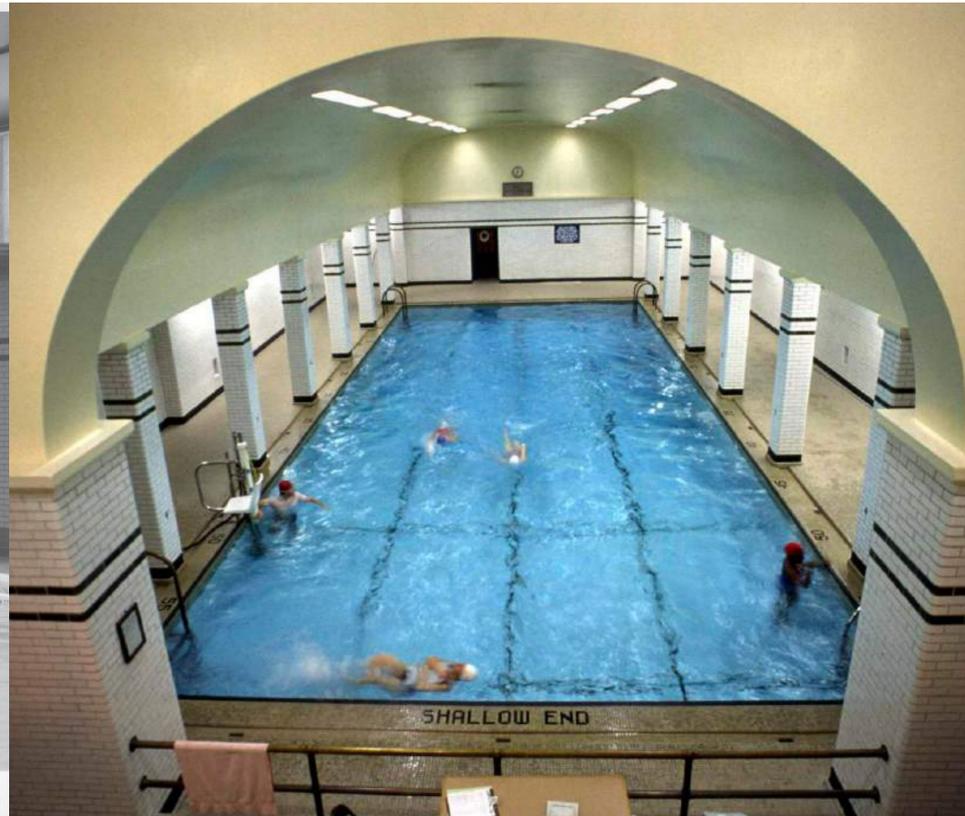
# Tour Stop #6: *The Underground (Old Pool)*

The swimming pool was completed in 1923. In the early years of the pool, the facilities were well used. In fact, the first published Rosary student handbook stated that “beginning with the class of 1926, candidates for degrees will be required to pass a test in swimming.” In 1967, the pool served an even bigger purpose. When civil rights demonstrations started in 1966, Dominican’s Sisters organized a social outreach program to bring African American children, including those living on the West Side of Chicago, to the college for the summer to use the swimming pool.

In the late 1990’s, the pool began to fall into disrepair. In 2008, the pool was closed for repairs. During the time the pool was closed for repairs, it was determined that the space would be better utilized as a large multi-purpose room. The pool was drained, heavy scaffolding was installed and flooring was added (the pool was not “filled in” and still exists under the flooring). Today, “The Underground” serves as a meeting and gathering space and hosts numerous events throughout the year.



*Rosary College Swimming Pool*





# Tour Stop #7: *Lewis Hall - Room 206*

Lewis Hall was built through the generous gift of \$150,000 from Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis whose five daughters were Rosary alumnae. The building was completed as the third side of the campus' quadrangle and was dedicated on June 1, 1932.

Since opening, Lewis Hall has housed the university's main administrative offices and classroom space. Today, Lewis Hall is the first stop for many visitors to campus.

All alumnae/i of Dominican University and Rosary College, at some point in their student career, attended classes in Lewis Hall and most of the classrooms look remarkably the same over all these years. Outfitted with a bit more technology than they once were, many of the classrooms still have the original built-in cabinetry, doors and wood trim. They also, most likely, conjure up vivid memories of the professors and Sisters who had lasting impacts on their lives after Rosary and Dominican.



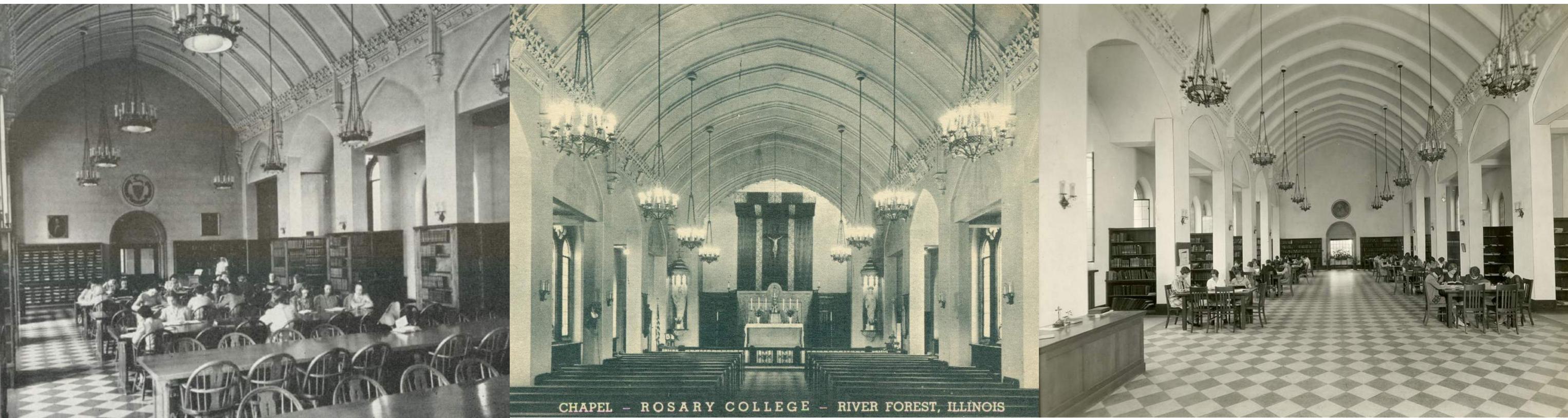


## Tour Stop #8: Noonan Reading Room and Rosary Chapel

The Noonan Reading Room (the original library) and Rosary Chapel were designed next to each other and are symbolic representations of prayer and study. The library opened in October 1930 and essential books were shelved for the first time in the third floor lobby. The library remained in use until 1972, when the Rebecca Crown Library was built and the Old Library became a place for quiet study. As for the chapel, that space has remained the campus's spiritual center since 1925, when the first mass was offered.

### Did You Know?

In 2003, Rosary College was the setting of a novel called *The Rosary Bride: A Cloistered Death*. In it, author and Rosary alumna, Luisa Scala Buehler '72, wove a tale about the college's hauntings and a body buried beneath the fireplace of the old library. However, there was only one problem with the story. The library is on the second floor!

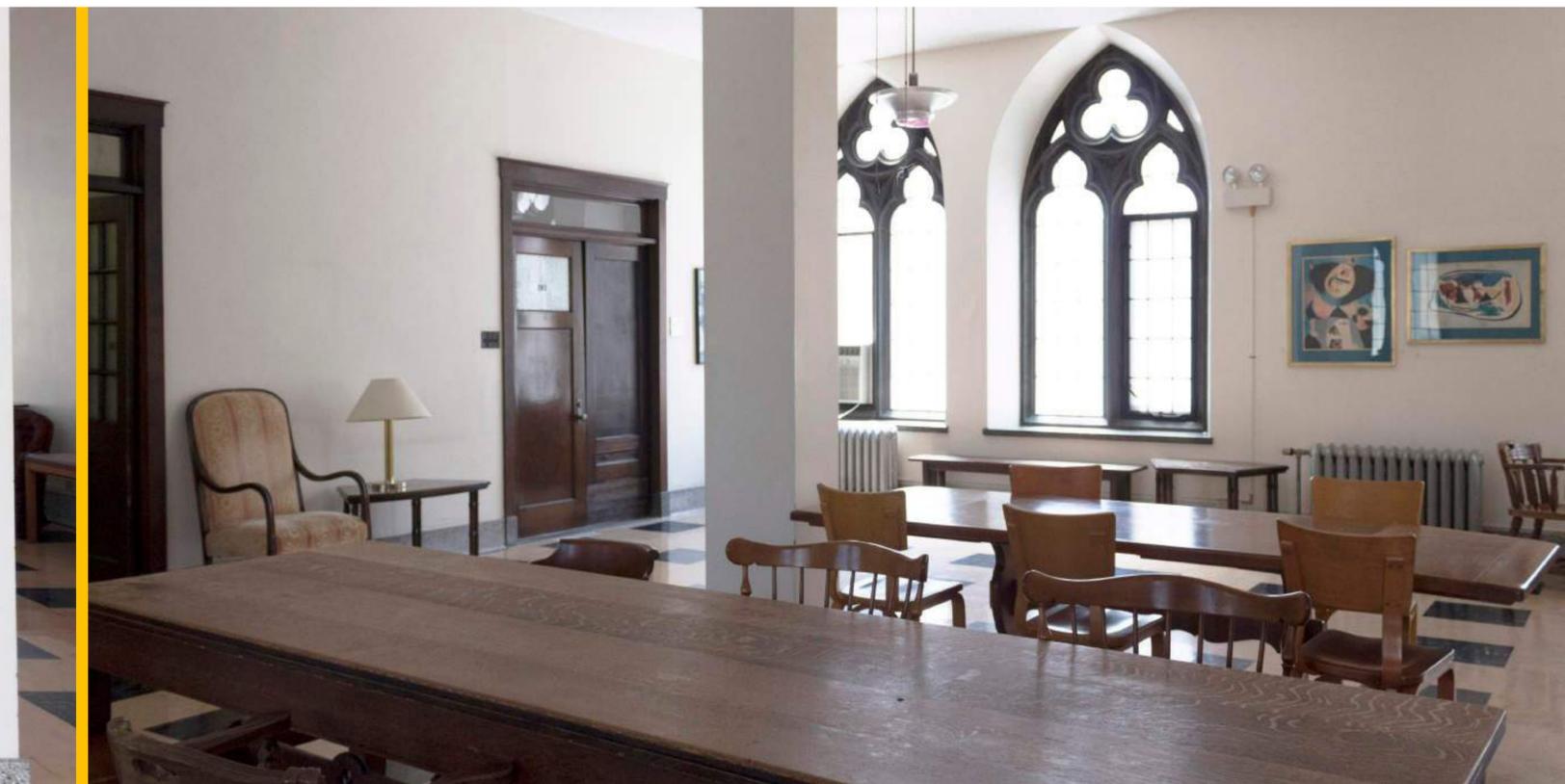




# Tour Stop #9: *Sisters' Convent*

When Mazzuchelli Hall was built in 1925, space was included in the plan for a convent; living quarters for the Sisters who would work and teach at the college. To most alumnae/i, this space held a great deal of mystery during their student career. Students knew of the convent's existence (after all, there was a door that led into the convent from the Power dormitory), but few ever crossed the threshold into what was private, residential space for the Sisters.

Located behind Mazzuchelli Hall and adjacent to the Chapel and Noonan Reading Room, the convent has been the home to many sisters over the years. At its peak, 76 sisters resided in the convent and spent their time teaching, advising, sharing prayer and living in community. Over the years, the Rosary Convent was also an occasional, temporary home for others including family and friends of the Sisters and Dominican volunteers. Still, most students were not allowed into the space. Today, all the Sisters have retired or moved to The Mound, the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin.





# Tour Stop #10: *Social & Dining Halls*

Constructed in 1924, the social and dining halls became operational in 1925 and have served as the “social heart” of the school since. They have hosted dances and dinners, lectures and meetings, parties and presentations.

In recent years, new windows have been replaced, energy-efficient lighting has been installed and, most recently (in April 2016) air conditioning was added! Still, even with updated technological features, alumnae/i continue to experience comfort when entering the Social and Dining Halls to see that almost nothing else has changed cosmetically.





# Tour Stop #11: *Rebecca Crown Library*

While the first reference books in Rosary's old library were dispensed from packing cases on the third floor of Power Hall, today the university's 300,000+ volume of books has a much more suitable home in the Rebecca Crown Library. Dedicated on April 11, 1972, the library is named for Rebecca Kranz Crown, the wife of Colonel Henry Crown, Chicago philanthropist, and the library's principal benefactor. The Graduate School of Library Science (now known as the School of Information Studies) was one self-contained unit on the ground floor while the three floors above served as the university library for 800 undergraduate students and 400 graduate students in the library sciences school.

## **Did You Know?**

The Rebecca Crown Library was designed to be contemporary in style, but traditional in shape? It is built in the shape of a St. Andrew's cross.





# Tour Stop #12: *Fine Arts Building (Green Room)*

The Fine Arts Building was dedicated on Sunday, November 2, 1952. The building housed Rosary's first language lab as well as facilities for the music and drama departments.

Included in the building's history is the well-known connection between Rodgers & Hammerstein's famous musical *The Sound of Music* and Sr. Gregory Duffy, the Dominican Sister and late theater professor, who taught at Rosary starting in 1942. Sr. Gregory provided an inside perspective on religious life for the musical's convent scenes.

The university has long embraced the famous connection with *The Sound of Music*. It was staged in the Lund Auditorium in 2002 and photos of Sr. Gregory with Mary Martin grace the walls of the Green Room named in Sr. Gregory's honor. In 2009, the school invited community members to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the musical by coming to campus for a picnic and movie sing-a-long in the Lund Auditorium.



**Actress Mary Martin received an honorary Doctorate degree in 1977 from Rosary.**



**Sr. Gregory Duffy stands in the Theatre scene shop during her tenure.**



# Tour Stop #13: *The Quad & Cloister Walk*

When guests enter the main gates of Dominican University and wind around the large circular drive, before them sits “The Quad” surrounded on three sides by the original buildings of campus. With its gothic architecture and an arched Cloister Walk, the exterior of this portion of campus is the college’s most lasting visual and has been largely untouched in appearance since first constructed almost a century ago.

Designed by architect firm Cram and Ferguson, with some local help from Charles W. Kallal, this main heart of campus is made up of three halls: Power Hall built in 1920, Mazzuchelli Hall built in 1924 and Lewis Hall built in 1931.

Today, the upper Cloister is closed as a pass-through to Power Hall. However, the lower Cloister remains open and the Quad is used by students for sponsored events—including the annual Candle & Rose Ceremony on the eve of graduation—as well as impromptu recreation. Frisbee anyone??





# Tour Stop #14: *Sr. Jean Murray Hall*

Murray Hall, the campus' newest residence hall, opened in 2004 in celebration of 100 years of education at Dominican University. Formerly known as Centennial Hall, when first constructed, it was later renamed and rededicated on September 27, 2012, when an anonymous \$1 million gift to the university was given in honor of Sister Jean Murray, OP '49, president emerita of the university and professor emerita of French, on the occasion of her 85th birthday and 60th jubilee with the Sinsinawa Dominicans.

Designed by Solomon Cordell Buenz, the modern (and only air-conditioned) dormitory on campus features double-room clusters (two double rooms sharing a common bath) and suite-style living options for up to 180 returning students. Each floor includes a lounge equipped with study tables, couches, chairs and internet connection. Laundry facilities are located on the second, third, and fourth floors. Murray Hall houses students of all classes, from first-years to seniors. The building also has several ADA compliant rooms, which are not available in the older dorms on campus allowing students with mobility and other disabilities to take part in a traditional residential college experience.



**Sr. Sheila Treston, OP '27 &  
Sr. Jean Murray, OP '49 in the 1960s**





# Tour Stop #15: *Coughlin Dorm - Room 107*

Dedicated in 1961, Mother Mary Samuel Coughlin Memorial Hall is named in honor of Mother Coughlin who succeeded Mother Emily Power as prioress in 1909. First-year resident students were housed in the Coughlin dormitory. At the time, room and board cost around \$800 annually. Today's students might pay a little more than that, but the facilities and experience are remarkably the same (still no air conditioning!).

The building housed a common area in the basement, which was referred to by students in the 1960's and 1970's as "The Smoker." The lounge remained until 2006 when it was converted into the university's Wellness Center.

The basement also housed storage rooms for luggage and bicycles, student mailboxes and laundry facilities. Today, the basement houses Dominican's Department of Student Life.

