

Highlights from Our History

1850

1854

- Four Sisters of St. Joseph arrive in Canandaigua

1860

Civil War in U.S. 1861-1865

1868

- Diocese of Rochester was founded with Bishop McQuaid as first Bishop

1870

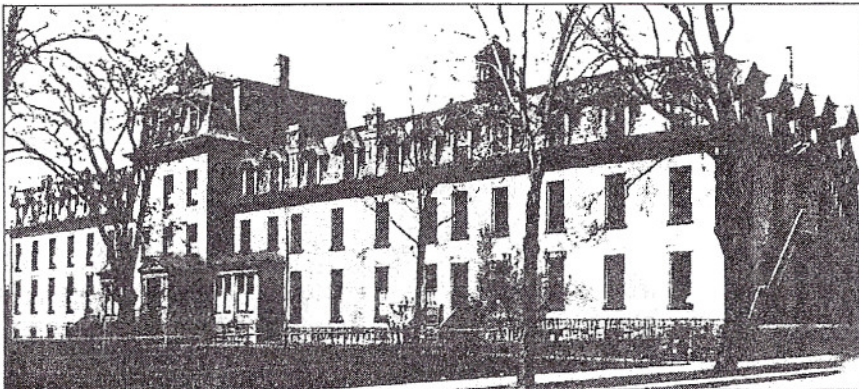
Wars of German and Italian Unification

1871

- Nazareth Academy was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph under the leadership of Mother Stanislaus Leary on the corner of Jay and Frank (now Plymouth) grades 2-10

1877

- First high school commencement, June 21 (Miss Jane Leary)



The first Nazareth Academy on Jay Street

1880

Major Rochester industries are founded (Eastman Kodak, Bausch and Lomb)

1882

- Sr. Marcella Regan became directress of Nazareth Academy (until 1940)

1884

- Nazareth Hall opened as a private boarding school for boys (in the former Pritchard Mansion on Lake Avenue)



1890

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- Commercial Department added to Nazareth Academy
- Orchestra started at Nazareth Academy

1891

- Nazareth Academy received charter from the New York State Board of Regents

1900

1908

- In January, Nazareth Hall building on Raines Park and Alameda Street opened
- Nazareth Hall opened to both day and boarding students
- First graduation from Nazareth Hall
- Sr. Aquinas Doyle is principal of Nazareth Hall (1908-1938)
- High school department at Nazareth Hall (1908-1920)

1910

World War I

1914

- Wing added to Nazareth Hall; gymnasium built

1916

- Nazareth Academy moves to a new building at 1001 Lake Avenue (former Doud-Purcell Estate). Boarders were housed at Jay Street until 1920 when they were housed at St. Agnes Institute.
- Nazareth students made sweaters, socks, helmets, and blanket squares for the war effort.



1920

1924

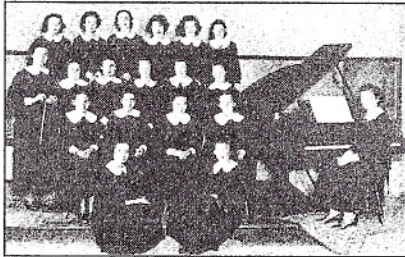
- Nazareth College opened on the grounds of Nazareth Academy

1930

The Great Depression

1931

- Perosian Choir begins under the direction of Sr. Irmina who had studied in Rome under Msgr. Perosi



- Another wing is built at Nazareth Hall

1935

- Home Economics Department is opened at Nazareth Academy

1939

- An annex including a gymnasium, classrooms, and rooms for choral and instrumental music is built at Nazareth Academy

1940

World War II

1941

- Nazareth students participate in defensive activities through the Junior Red Cross and Nazareth Academy Victory Corps (1941-1945)

1945

- Nazareth Academy receives a Citation for Distinguished Service from the United States Treasury Department

1946

- Registration was more than 1200 at Nazareth Academy

1950

1952

- Nazareth Hall was organized as a Cadet School

1955

- Boarding of resident students at Nazareth Hall was discontinued

1960

1961

- Registration at Nazareth Academy peaked at 1500

1964

- New gymnasium and auditorium was dedicated at Nazareth Hall

1970

1972

- Nazareth Hall becomes co-educational and adopts an early education program



1980

1985

- Dance program begins at Nazareth Academy

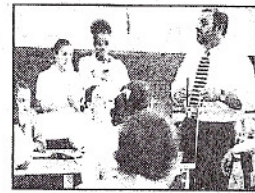
1989

- 7th & 8th graders of Nazareth Hall move to the Academy building

1990

1992

- Consolidation of Nazareth Hall and Nazareth Academy as The Nazareth Schools



- ASCENT (a pre-engineering course) begins at Nazareth Academy

- Community service becomes a requirement for graduation from the Academy
- Block scheduling initiated in the Academy

2000

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- Nazareth Schools are "wired" for the 21st Century

2002

- Restructuring of Administration of the Nazareth Schools PreK-12
- Director for Instruction (K-12) is appointed to coordinate and strengthen curriculum

2010

...and on to the future...

The Nazareth Schools will continue to adapt and respond to the needs of the times while remaining rooted in the traditions of its founding

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