

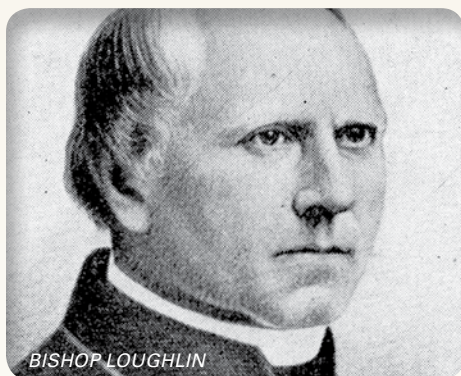
# Honoring our Past, Celebrating our Present

## A Timeline of St. Francis College History



**1858**

At the behest of the Most Rev. John Loughlin, bishop of Brooklyn, Bro. John McMahon, O.S.F. and Bro. Vincent Hayes, O.S.F. arrive from the Roundstone Monastery in Ireland to begin work on establishing an academy dedicated to educating underprivileged youth in the diocese.



BISHOP LOUGHLIN

**1859**

In October, St. Francis Academy, the first Catholic school in Brooklyn, opens its doors at 300 Baltic Street. The school opens with 30 students and six Brothers.

**1884**

On May 8, the New York State Legislature passes an act to amend St. Francis' original act of incorporation, which empowers its trustees to "Establish a literary college in the City of Brooklyn under the title of St. Francis College, with the same powers to confer diplomas and literary honors possessed by the universities and colleges of New York State."

**1885**

St. Francis College confers its first bachelor of arts degrees.



BALTIC ST. CAMPUS

**1888**

Tuition is set at \$15.00 per quarter. This charge remains until 1927, when it is changed to \$5.00 per credit hour

**1892**

St. Francis College confers its first bachelor of science degrees.

**1896**

St. Francis fields the first collegiate men's basketball team in the city.

**1899**

A total of 30 students (all of whom were of Irish descent), comprise the St. Francis College student body.



SFC GRADUATES CIRCA 1899

ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

*Presidents*

1858 – PRESENT YEARS



1858-62

Brother  
John McMahon,  
O.S.F.\*



1862-63

Brother  
Cyprian O'Beirne,  
O.S.F.\*



1863-66, 1875-76

Brother  
Paul St. Leger,  
O.S.F.\*

1902

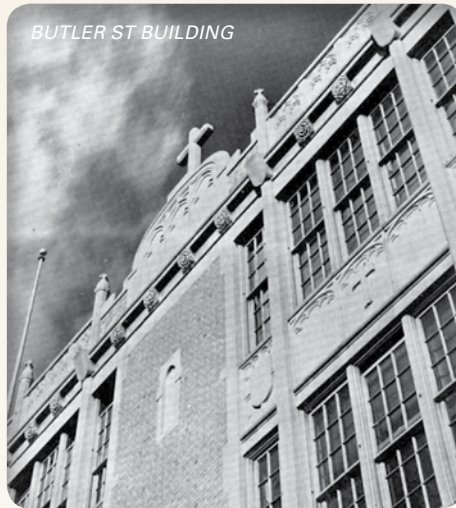
St. Francis Prep receives its charter from the State of New York in May. From this time on, the College's curriculum offers only a post-secondary course of study.



SFC STUDENTS, CIRCA 1902

1926

Following the conclusion of the "Great Drive," a fundraising campaign that raised nearly \$250,000, a new addition to the campus opens on Butler Street. Bishop Thomas E. Molloy '04, president of the College's Board of Trustees, dedicates the new building.



BUTLER ST BUILDING

1935

The Duns Scotus Society is formed by the Rev. Dr. James A. Sullivan, to encourage the love and desire for excellence in scholarship and service to the College.

1939

The St. Francis College student handbook, "The Cord," is published for the first time.

1941

As the U.S. moves closer to its entrance into World War II, 240 students are enrolled at St. Francis. While the student body remains largely Irish, the changing demographics of working class Brooklyn are reflected by the growing number of Italian-American students. By the spring semester of 1944, when the war was at its peak, the number of students enrolled dropped to 45. Most of those still enrolled were members of religious order and exempt from military service. (12 SFC students gave their lives to the war effort.)

1917

Approximately one half of St. Francis students suspend their studies to enlist in the armed services as the U.S. enters World War I.

1933

The "Terrier" mascot is officially adopted by the Athletic Association.

1924

The *Voice*, the St. Francis College student newspaper, begins publication.



TERRIER MASCOT



SFC STUDENTS CIRCA 1947

1925

The "Troupers" hit the stage at the Brooklyn Academy of Music for the first time in May with an original play entitled "Adam & Eve."

1947

With victory in World War II complete and with the passage of the G.I. Bill of Rights, which paid tuition for returning soldiers, enrollment at St. Francis swells to 878.



1866-72, 1876-94,  
1897-1900  
Brother  
Jerome Magner,  
O.S.F.



1872-75  
Brother  
Peter Frewen,  
O.S.F.\*



1894-97, 1906-09  
Brother  
Vincent Mulcahy,  
O.S.F.



1900-04  
Brother  
Raphael Breheney,  
O.S.F.\*



1904-06  
Brother  
Linus Lynch,  
O.S.F.





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**1949**

The St. Francis Men's Basketball team becomes the first collegiate program in the metropolitan area to have its games televised. The Terriers made their debut on WPIX-TV (channel 11) a memorable one by defeating Seton Hall 69-58.

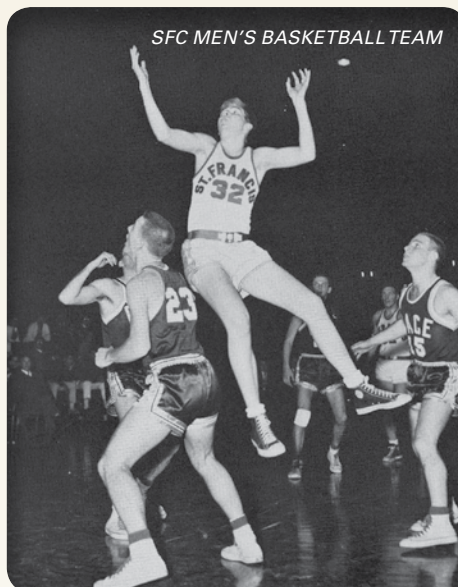
**1953**

Evening session opens. Nuns enroll at the College for the first time. Tuition is set at \$12.00 per credit hour.



**1956**

The Men's Basketball team enjoys its most successful season with a 21-4 record, which included an 18 game winning streak. At one point in the season the Terriers are ranked second in the nation in the collegiate poll. The season culminated with a fourth place showing in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).



**1957**

The College is granted a new charter by the State of New York in April, making it a separate legal entity from the St. Francis Monastery. The new corporate status enables students to qualify for federal financial aid for their studies at St. Francis.

**1959**

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education accredits St. Francis College.

**1963**

St. Francis College relocates to its current location after purchasing the former headquarters of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company on Remsen Street.

**1968**

The Brothers' Residence opens on Joralemon Street. The Science building opens. The first members of the St. Francis College Red and Blue Hall of Fame are inducted in May.

**1969**

Lay women are admitted to the College for the first time. Enrollment exceeds 3,000 students. Bro. Donald Sullivan begins his 26-year tenure as president, the longest in SFC history.



**1971**

The Generoso Pope Physical Education Facility (which houses the gymnasium and pool) opens.

**1973**

Women's intercollegiate athletics begins at St. Francis College as the Women's Basketball team takes the court for the first time.



1909-11  
Brother  
Stanislaus  
Ryan, O.S.F.



1911-19, 1922-25  
Brother  
David McPartland,  
O.S.F.



1919-22  
Brother  
Jarlath Phelan,  
O.S.F.



1925-34, 1936-52  
Brother  
Columba Reilly,  
O.S.F.



1934-36  
Brother  
Capistran Cusack,  
O.S.F.



SFC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM 1973-74

## 1975

Academic computing at the College consists of a single IBM 1130 computer facility. Students who have had courses in electronic data processing, mathematics and business, or are engaged in directed research in science, are the primary users.



IBM 1130 COMPUTER

## 1977

The *Montage*, the St. Francis College literary magazine, is published for the first time.

## 1980

Tuition is set at \$90 per credit hour.

## 1984

In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of St. Francis receiving its charter as a college, a comprehensive fundraising campaign is launched. The campaign supports renovations to the McGarry Library and Founders Hall, as well as the creation of the McArdle Student Center. An aggressive effort to create new endowed scholarships to benefit deserving students is also launched. Since then, the College has established 180 fully and partially endowed scholarships. The Honors Program, which provides students with unique abilities and motivation the opportunity to reach their potential, accepts its first class.



SFC GRADS CIRCA 1984

## 1992

The Lee & Peter Callahan Center, a multipurpose special event facility, opens on the site of the former first floor study lounge.

## 1994

A total of 2,257 men and women attend St. Francis. The student body reflects the diversity of Brooklyn as 44 percent of the students are African American or Hispanic.

## 1996

Frank J. Macchiarola '62 is selected as the first permanent lay president of St. Francis College.

## 2003

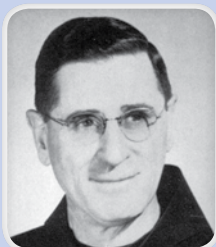
The Anthony J. Genovesi Center, a facility designed to accommodate athletic and large community events, opens in October. The "Campaign for Big Dreams," the most ambitious fundraising drive in the College's history, which will raise \$40 million to support improved campus facilities, scholarships for deserving students, and academic and community service programs, is publicly announced.

## 2004

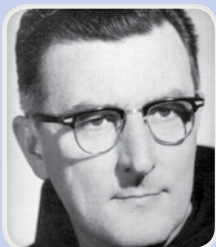
St. Francis College receives approval for its combined B.S./M.S. degree in accounting. The first graduate degrees will be conferred in the spring of 2008.

## 2006

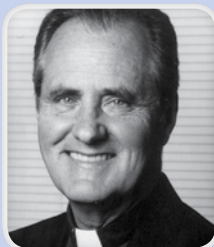
The New Academic Center opens on the site of the McGarry Library. The seven-story state-of-the-art building houses a new library, 14 smart classrooms, an HD television studio and a 90 seat theater. For the third consecutive year, St. Francis College is ranked among the best comprehensive colleges in the north by *U.S. News & World Report*.



1952-58  
Brother  
Jerome Roesse,  
O.S.F.



1958-69  
Brother  
Urban Gonnoud,  
O.S.F.



1969-95  
Brother  
Donald Sullivan,  
O.S.F.



1995-96  
Dr. John K. Hawes



1996-2008  
Dr. Frank J.  
Macchiarola '62