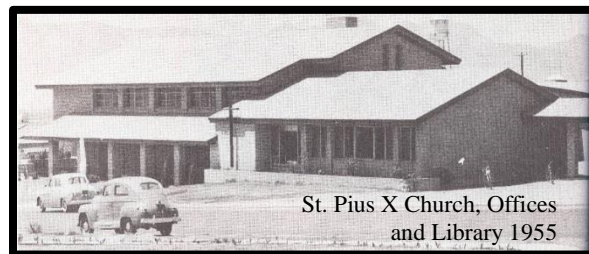


Dedication and Blessing of St. Pius X School – Nov. 16,

Shining bright like a diamond for 60 years
 1955 2015
St Pius X School
Over half a century of academic excellence



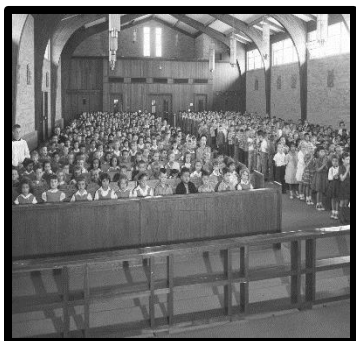
St. Pius X Church, Offices and Library 1955



St. Pius X School 1955



St. Pius X School entrance on Geronimo St. in 1977



Celebrating Mass in 1955



Cafeteria, Placita and Our Lady's Grotto 1988



Blessing of the new primary wing and office took place in May 1992

Historical Facts

1. Most Rev. Sidney M. Metzger, D.D. was Bishop of El Paso when St. Pius X School opened in 1955.
2. Msgr. Lawrence E. Gaynor was First Pastor at St. Pius X.
3. St. Pius X School was erected to meet the needs of a fast-growing area – Tejas, Cielo Vista, Valley View, Del Mesa, Mesa Terrace, Van Horne Park, Zia Village, Foster Heights, and part of the Loretto addition.
4. Later, served the Scotsdale, Eastwood, Parkdale, Desert Ridge additions.
5. Gave birth to the St. Raphael Mission in October 1966.
6. School was named St. Pius X because he was the Pope who established our Diocese.
7. Cost of the new Parish and school - \$350,000 in 1954.
8. First graduating class was in 1957.
9. November 16, 1955 was a proud day for the children of St. Pius X School. That was the day the dedication and blessing of the school with His Excellency Sidney Metzger officiating.
10. Enrollment was 410 students the first year.
11. School year of 1962-1963 the enrollment was 712.
12. Students were bused to school in 1955. The children recited the Holy Rosary while riding the buses to and from school.
13. Stained Glass was all imported from Germany.
14. Each classroom has a set-in niche for a statue (a patron saint was selected by each class in 1955). The statues were imported from Spain.
15. At the end of the hall, a life-size statue of St. Pius X constructed of white Italian marble set on a low-base pedestal made of Vermont marble.
16. On Holy Thursday, April 7, 1955, the image of Saint Pius X appeared before the eyes of hundreds of worshipers attending all night adoration. Hundreds of people throughout the city thronged the church to see the apparition.
17. The school had football teams, Varsity and Pee Wees.



School History 60 Years of Excellence

Past Administrations

- 1955 – 1956
 Sr. Mary Vitalis
 Sister of Divine Providence
- 1956-1959
 Sr. Mary Silverius Karnowski
 Sister of Divine Providence
- 1959-1963
 Sr. Mary Cannady
 Sister of Divine Providence
- 1963-1964
 Sr. Leona Therese Leonards
 Sister of Divine Providence
- 1964-1968
 Sr. Mary Clement
 Sister of Divine Providence
- 1968-1980
 Sr. Rita Marie Metzger
 Sister of Divine Providence
- 1980-1986
 Sr. Olga Zotz
 Sister of Divine Providence
- 1986-1990
 Katherine Kelley
- 1990
 Sally Teresa Gomez-Kelly
 Interim Principal
- 1990-2006
 Sr. Jennifer Marxer
 Sr. of St. Joseph
- 2006-2009
 Mr. Carlos Gomez
- 2010-2015
 Mr. Jesse Armendariz