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Immaculate Conception Academy, Oldest All Girls Catholic High School in San Francisco, Celebrates 125 years

Sponsored since 1883 by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, Immaculate Conception Academy (ICA) is an all girls Catholic High School in the Mission District.

ICA has weathered many significant events in its history. The earthquake and devastating fire which swept over San Francisco in 1906 is an event inseparable from any account of the early days of ICA. In 1906, when the Sisters at ICA received the first warning that the fire sweeping through the City was approaching their convent and school, they placed the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the front steps and began reciting the rosary. As they completed the last decade, a wind arose that changed the direction of the fire and ICA was saved.

In recent years, ICA's history has been marked with many students winning awards for academic achievement. Five ICA graduates since 2004 have received the coveted Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholars Award providing full tuition coverage to the college of their choice.

A Eucharistic Celebration commemorating ICA's 125 years of service to San Francisco families is scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2008 at 3:30 pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Geary and Gough Streets, San Francisco. Archbishop George Niederauer will preside. A reception will follow the Mass in the Cathedral Hall.



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The event is **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. Please RSVP by Monday, November 10th to Patricia Cavagnaro, (415) 824-2052, ext. 31 or on our website: www.icacademy.org