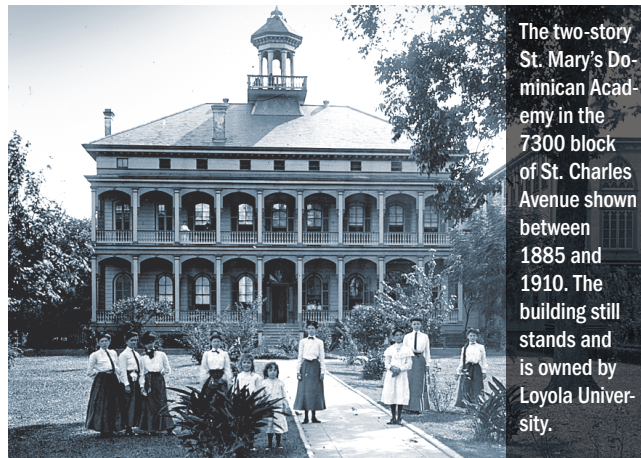




## WHAT HAPPENED

The first Dominican all-girls school opened in New Orleans on Dec. 3, 1860.

The Dominican campus at the corner of Broadway Street and St. Charles Avenue, circa 1912, was built beginning in 1882.



The two-story St. Mary's Dominican Academy in the 7300 block of St. Charles Avenue shown between 1885 and 1910. The building still stands and is owned by Loyola University.

St. Mary's Dominican High School was moved to Walmsley Avenue in 1963, while the college remained on St. Charles Avenue.



Seven **Dominican** nuns from a Dublin convent came to New Orleans in 1860 to help educate a growing Irish population.



Dominican's 'DominiFans' cheer on their volleyball team in a 2013 match against rival Mt. Carmel Academy.

Within a month of arriving, the sisters had opened St. John the Baptist School for Girls, with an enrollment of 200.

The following year, the New Orleans Female Dominican Academy on Dryades Street was chartered, and three years later, the sisters purchased Mace Academy in Greenville, near Audubon Park. A new campus for the academy, at Broadway Street and St. Charles Avenue, was built starting in 1882.

The Dominicans operated two separate girls' schools until 1914, when the two programs merged and became St. Mary's Dominican High School. A college, St. Mary's Dominican College was also located with the high school at 7214 St. Charles Ave.

In 1963, the high school was moved to 7701 Walmsley Ave., where it remains today.

The college remained at the campus on St. Charles Avenue until 1984 when it was closed and sold to Loyola University, which uses it for its law school.

The high school now enrolls about 1,000 students — still all girls, but not all Irish.



A studio portrait of a young nun of the Dominican order in about 1900.