

# **Dedication Ceremony Texas Historical Marker**

**St. Joseph School  
May 6, 1994  
1:30 p.m.  
Bryan, Texas**

## **St. Joseph School**

The Rev. Joseph Pelnar of Bryan's St. Joseph Catholic Church erected a parish school building here in the early 1890s. The children of East European immigrant families dominated student enrollment at St. Joseph's until about the 1930s. Teachers included M. Elizabeth Carr (1890s), Nuns of the Ursuline Order (1901 - 1930), and Nuns of the Incarnate Word (1930 - 1981). Facilities were constructed or acquired at various times to meet increased enrollment which reached its highest level in 1957 with 498 students. The school continues to offer local students general and Catholic educational classes.

(1994)

Donated by the 1994 eighth graders - the centennial class.

## IMMACULATE MARY

1. Immaculate Mary your praises we sing.  
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.

Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!

2. In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;  
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.
3. We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,  
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

Thanks to the Brazos Heritage Society for its  
generous contribution to our centennial  
celebration.



# PROGRAM

St. Joseph School Chorus/Chimes.....*Sing the Lord's Song*

Processional.....*Trumpet Voluntary*  
Mr. Henry Berger  
Mrs. Debi Powell

Invocation .....Rev. Thomas Hanus  
Pastor of St. Monica's Church, Cameron, Tx., SJS alumnus

St. Joseph School Chimes.....*Onward Christian Soldiers*

Welcome .....Mr. Charles Schultz  
Chair, Brazos County Historical Commission

Recognition of Guests.....Rev. John McCaffrey  
Pastor, St. Joseph Church

Congregational Song .....*Immaculate Mary*

Remarks.....Most Rev. John McCarthy  
Bishop of Austin

St. Joseph School Chimes .....*Simple Gifts*

Remarks.....Sister Scholastica, C.V.I.  
Last Incarnate Word Sister to teach at St. Joseph School

Recessional.....Mr. Henry Berger

# DEDICATION

Flag Ceremony/Presentation of the Colors  
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Presentation of Marker.....Colleen Batchelor  
Brazos County Historical Commission

Acceptance.....Elizabeth Patranella  
Student Council President

Blessing of Marker.....Most Rev. John McCarthy

*America The Beautiful*

Flag Ceremony/Retiring of the Colors  
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Reception immediately following in school gym.