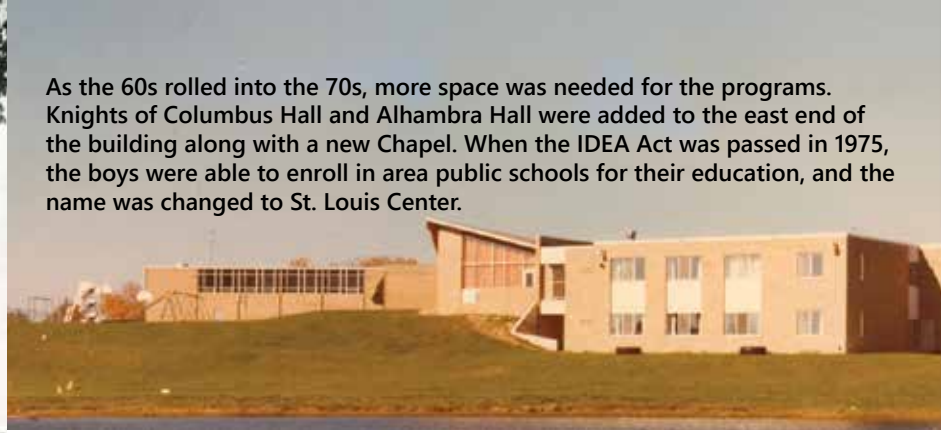


60 YEARS ST. LOUIS CENTER

St. Louis School for Exceptional Boys was established in 1960, and was named after Fr. Louis Guanella, (1842 – 1915), the humble priest who founded the Servants of Charity in Italy in 1908. He became St. Louis Guanella after his canonization in 2011.



Unique for its time, St. Louis School was created for 60 boys. The majority came from the Archdiocese of Detroit. It served as a boarding school for boys with I/DD since state-funded special education was not yet available. Staff consisted of four priests from Italy, four Holy Family sisters, one cook and five special education teachers.



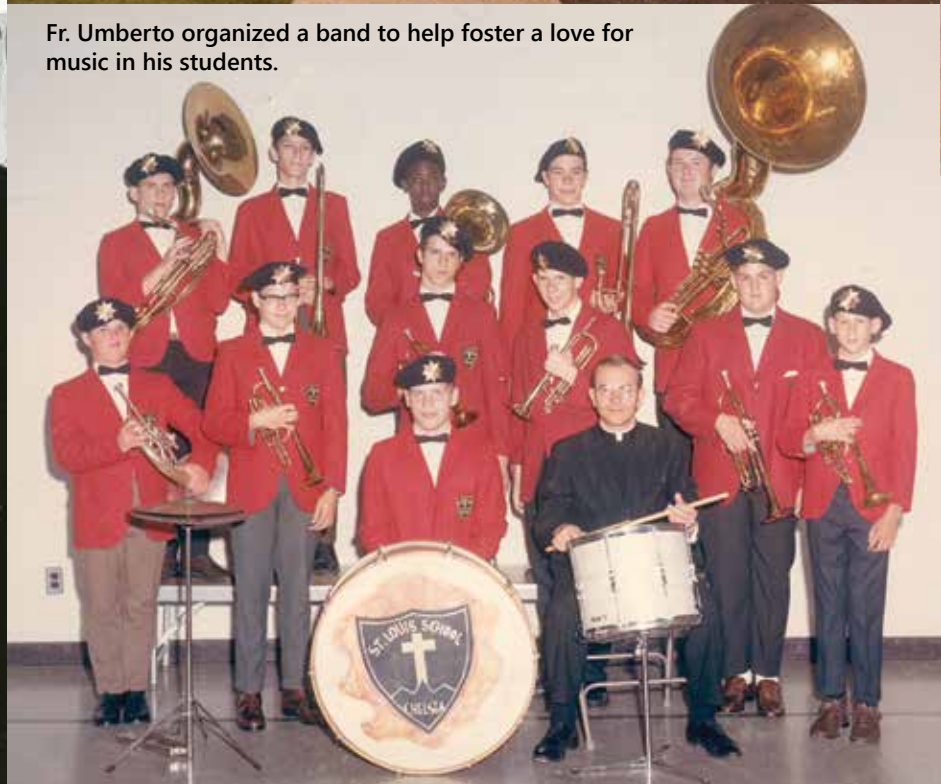
As the 60s rolled into the 70s, more space was needed for the programs. Knights of Columbus Hall and Alhambra Hall were added to the east end of the building along with a new Chapel. When the IDEA Act was passed in 1975, the boys were able to enroll in area public schools for their education, and the name was changed to St. Louis Center.



Fr. Fortunato Turati became the administrator from 1977-80.



Fr. Germano Pegararo, SdC (left) and Fr. Louis Frangi, SdC, (right) work with the boys at SLC in the 1960s.



Fr. Umberto organized a band to help foster a love for music in his students.