

# Journey

BACK TO THE BEGINNING —  
125 YEARS OF ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY



## HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR



### BELOVED BUILDINGS *125 Years of St. Edward's University*

<b>1888</b>	Main Building	<b>1961</b>	St. Joseph Hall	<b>1999</b>	Robert and Pearle Ragsdale Center, Hilltopper Heights Apartments
<b>1895</b>	Fondren Hall (formerly The Reunion)	<b>1962</b>	Fine Arts Building (formerly Dining Hall)	<b>2002</b>	Trustee Hall
<b>1897</b>	Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel	<b>1964</b>	Premont Hall	<b>2003</b>	Basil Moreau Hall, Casitas
<b>1903</b>	Holy Cross Hall	<b>1966</b>	East Hall, Moody Hall	<b>2005</b>	Jacques Dujarié Hall
<b>1913</b>	Sorin Hall	<b>1968</b>	Teresa Hall	<b>2006</b>	John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center-North Building
<b>1922</b>	Carriage House	<b>1970</b>	Mang House	<b>2007</b>	Casa
<b>1950</b>	Alumni Gym	<b>1972</b>	Mary Moody Northen Theatre	<b>2008</b>	Fleck Hall (renovation), Parking Garage
<b>1955</b>	Andre Hall	<b>1981</b>	Scarborough-Phillips Library	<b>2009</b>	Residential Village, Doyle Hall (renovation)
<b>1958</b>	Fleck Hall	<b>1990</b>	Recreation and Convocation Center		
<b>1960</b>	Doyle Hall	<b>1996</b>	Maryhill Apartments		



### JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Since our founding in 1885 by Father Edward Sorin, CSC, St. Edward's has been on a 125-year journey of transformation and growth. Along the way, we've welcomed and educated students from all walks of life and equipped our graduates with the tools to make a difference in the world.

To honor this journey, we've created a historical walking tour to give you a snapshot of the university's journey. We've highlighted the five most historic buildings on campus along with a few areas that have played a role in the university's history.

Follow the map for a tour of the historic St. Edward's campus.

*Enjoy your journey  
back to the hilltop.*



### 1 MAIN BUILDING (1888)

Designed by renowned architect Nicholas J. Clayton, Main Building is on the National Register of Historic Places and sits on the cone of an extinct Cretaceous underwater volcano. Because Main Building stands on the highest elevation, it offers a magnificent view of the city skyline.

#### HISTORICAL USE

Main Building originally functioned as a residence hall, classroom building, chapel and cafeteria for students.

#### CURRENT USE

Today, Main Building primarily serves as an administrative building, housing the President's Office, Undergraduate Admission, Student Financial Services and others. It also features classrooms.

**Did you know?** In 1903, a mysterious fire destroyed most of Main Building. And in 1922, a tornado cut across campus and tore a hole in the building's back wall. In both cases, Main Building was rebuilt. Today, St. Edward's is still committed to preserving existing and historical buildings on campus.



### 2 OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHAPEL (1897)

Originally called the Exhibition Hall, Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel has served many functions over the past century. It remains a popular location for weddings and baptisms.

#### HISTORICAL USE

The chapel has functioned as a workshop, auditorium and theater, along with an armory and rifle range. It was turned into a chapel in 1948 and renamed Our Lady Queen of Peace in the 1980s.

#### CURRENT USE

Today, the chapel is used by students, faculty and staff to worship, explore and deepen their faith through daily Mass and other events sponsored by Campus Ministry.

**Did you know?** The cross outside the chapel was built by students in the 1970s in memory of a peer who passed away.



### 3 HOLY CROSS HALL (1903)

Holy Cross Hall was designed by architect Nicholas J. Clayton and built alongside the first reconstruction of Main Building in 1903. In 1922, a tornado ripped the top two floors off the building. It was repaired six months later.

#### HISTORICAL USE

Holy Cross Hall originally functioned as a residence hall and housed the university's library and psychology labs in the basement.

#### CURRENT USE

Today, Holy Cross Hall serves primarily as an administrative building, housing the University Police Department, Auxiliary Services, New College and others. It also features classrooms.

**Did you know?** In 1965, a theater named "The Tombs" (predecessor to the Mary Moody Northern Theatre) operated in the basement.

### 4 FONDREN HALL (1895)



Fondren Hall was constructed around an artesian well and became the site of the first indoor pool in Texas.

#### HISTORICAL USE

After functioning as a swimming pool for decades, the building was converted to a student union in 1974 named "Rathskeller" and later "The Reunion."

#### CURRENT USE

Today, Fondren Hall is home to the university's bookstore and convenience store.

**Did you know?** The location of the swimming pool is marked in the bookstore by the blue carpet on the floor.

### 5 SORIN HALL (1913)



Sorin Hall was built as a convent for the Sisters of the Preservation, who were exiles from France and worked at St. Edward's. The building is named after the university's founder Father Edward Sorin, CSC.

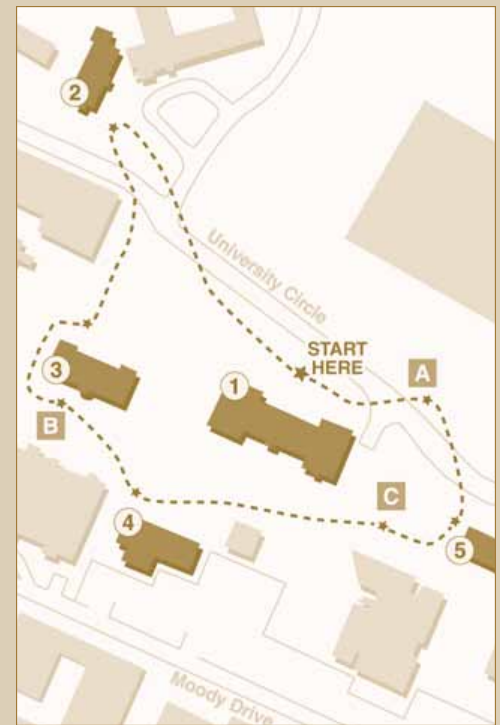
#### HISTORICAL USE

Over the years, Sorin Hall has housed several different groups on campus, including high school students (1917) and Holy Cross Brothers (1947). In 1967, it served as a residence for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who came to St. Edward's to start Maryhill College.

#### CURRENT USE

Today, Sorin Hall serves as the home to the university's English program.

## WALK AROUND THE HILLTOP



### A THE GROTTTO (1932)



Built by faculty, staff and students in 1932 and located on the hillside in front of Main Building — the Grotto was inspired by the shrine at Lourdes, France, where apparitions of the Blessed Virgin

Mary were reported in the 1850s. Through the decades, members of the university community have used the Grotto as a place to pray the rosary.

### B HOLY CROSS PLAZA (1999)



Pedestrians passing through Holy Cross Plaza avoid walking on the university seal as a sign of respect for the university founders.



### C SORIN OAK

Estimated to be 250 to 300 years old, the Sorin Oak has a circumference of 16.7 feet and stands 56.4 feet tall.