The 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Stanislaus College, one of the South’s outstanding “prep” schools for boys, is being celebrated this week end with special ceremonies at Bay St. Louis, Miss. High light of the centennial observance, which got under way Saturday, will be a pontifical high mass to be celebrated Sunday at 4 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf church. The Most Rev. R. O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez, will serve as celebrant of the mass and a choir consisting of seminarians from St. Augustine’s seminary will sing.

Banquet Scheduled
The mass will be followed by a banquet Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the university student union building. Michael M. Irwin will serve as chairman of the banquet and the principal address will be made by Brother R. of the Rev. W. Patrick Donnelly, S.J., President, former Loyalist University.

A volume on behalf of Bay St. Louis will be presented by Mayor W. A. Skelley, of the city of 23,000, Charles C. Engle, city Manager, of the 50,000, and Walter T. Gray, President, of the 75,000.

Brother Roland
St. Stanislaus President

Brother Roland, S.C., president of St. Stanislaus College, in a special proclamation, Gov. Hugh White, of Mississippi, officiated designated Sunday as the “Centennial Anniversary of the Foundation of St. Stanislaus Day.”

Overcome Obstacles
The proclamation urges Mississippians to join in the centennial celebration and points out that the founding members of St. Stanislaus College “displayed great initiative, vision and perseverance in overcoming obstacles” to an establishment of the school and that the school, its alumni and its students have become known throughout the United States and Latin America as “upright and courageous citizens.”

Sunday’s double observance will be followed by a banquet in the afternoon at 4 p.m. at the University of St. Thomas, also in the city of 23,000. The Rev. Dr. E. M. T. Donnelly, S.J., President, former Loyalist University, will be the principal speaker, and the principal address will be made by Brother R. of the Rev. W. Patrick Donnelly, S.J., President, former Loyalist University.

Most Buildings From 1903, Big Year In Many Fields

SCC Grads in Many Fields

Graduates of St. Stanislaus College are now living in 17 states and 15 foreign countries. Their number is legion and they can be found in almost any profession.

Many of them will join us at Bay St. Louis, Miss., this week end to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the school. And, in between ceremonies, they’ll probably do a lot of reminiscing. They’ll recall the days of their youth when they used to recite their lessons to “Brother” or “Brother” or go for a quick, after-class swim in the bay waters of the Bay of St. Louis.

Open Day School

One of the oldest of Southern “prep” schools, St. Stanislaus was founded in 1854 by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. As educators, the Sacred Heart brothers replaced the Christian brothers who left the Gulf Coast in 1833 because of a yellow fever epidemic.

At first, classes at St. Stanislaus were conducted in a frame building right behind the church and the brothers set up temporary classrooms in the Presbytery. Later, some Gulf shores property, adjoining Brother St., was purchased for $600. The Rev. St. Stanislaus Buteaux, then pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf church, loaned the brothers $200 to help cover the purchase price.

Early in 1855, Brother Athanasius, first president of St. Stanislaus, decided to open a free school for boys at Bay St. Louis. The boys could not afford the tuition rates of the private schools.

The school was founded in 1855 and was incorporated in 1859. The first graduates were in 1863. The school was closed during the Civil War and was reopened in 1873. The school has been in continuous operation ever since.

In 1903, the school moved to its present location on the bay front.

Our school features included music, drama, sports, and a variety of extracurricular activities. The school has produced many outstanding students over the years, including military officers, lawyers, and business leaders.

Our Grads Today

Today, St. Stanislaus boasts extensive campus for recreational and athletic purposes, a gymnasium, a football stadium, a baseball diamond, a tennis court, a swimming pool, and a library. Outdoor sports are popular throughout the year. The school has produced many outstanding athletes, including basketball players, football players, and baseball players.

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