Christian Brothers Plan Celebration

The Christian Brothers, teachers at Cathedral-Carmel School, will celebrate their golden anniversary in Lafayette, Saturday, Dec. 13 with a special mass and dinner at the Cathedral of St. John Evangelist.

A concelebrated mass, sung by the Immaculata Seminary Choir, will be offered by his Excellency, the Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder, Bishop of Lafayette, at 10:30 a.m. A dinner at Iseberg Hall will follow the mass.

Judge Kaliste Saloom, a graduate of Cathedral, will be master of ceremonies for the dinner. Rt. Rev. George A. Bodin, Pastor of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, will offer the invocation. Guest speaker for the dinner is to be Joseph A. Riehl, a member of the first graduating class in 1923, who retired in 1966 from USL as academic vice president.

The Brothers first came to Lafayette 50 years ago to open a school for boys. The school, called Cathedral opened its doors to 170 students in grades three through eight, and graduated its first class in 1923.

In the same year the Cathedral Alumni Association was organized. In 1950 the first annual Alumni Banquet was held, and the event has continued without interruption. A nationally famous athlete is always the guest speaker.

In the 1967-68 school term Cathedral was consolidated with Mt. Carmel. the Brothers taught educational classes for the first time, and the school became known as Cathedral-Carmel. Presently, grades kindergarten through fifth grades are on the Mt. Carmel campus and sixth through twelfth at Cathedral.

Members of the celebration committee are Mrs. J. C. Landry, chairman; Mrs. Arthur Broussard, special invitation; Mrs. David Fuselier, tickets; Mrs. Paul Dominique, mass; Mrs. R. V. St. Dizer, speakers; and Mrs. Louis Trahan, Public relations.

Former students and friends of Cathedral are invited to attend the celebrations. Tickets for dinner may be obtained from the Cathedral-Carmel High School office, 848 St. John St., Lafayette.