

Re: co-education at Xavier --from Annals, 1925. Vol. 22 p. 15-16.

The Council decided, after much discussion, that a Catholic College was needed at New Orleans, and in September the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament would begin this new work. The discussion was brought about on account of the heavy expense of upkeep and the unique proceeding of having a college conducted by women who would admit both sexes. The decision, however, was that if a work were needed and there were no others to take up the work, God would not fail to provide and He would also protect the Sisters in what might otherwise be a hazardous undertaking. A College was a necessity, the Councillors agreed, because these people ~~wish~~ wish to take College Courses and they are debarred from Catholic Colleges, and therefore, had to seek their higher education in universities of Godless and sometimes of decidedly atheistical character. The Councillors, therefore, felt justified in undertaking the work that as usual thing is carried on by men.

The Most Reverend Fumasoni Biondi, the Papal Delegate, when he visited New Orleans expressed himself as quite in favor of the plan and even afterwards in conversation with Reverend Mother asked her if she could not do something to enlarge the facilities of Xavier, namely, to erect some buildings where students from other parts of the State could board. However, at this time the Councillors felt such a burden could not be undertaken.