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Interim Steps – The Saint James' Parish Day School

"God has given us a vision!" declared the Reverend Sam D'Amico. "After several years of longing, we are finally about to see our Parish Day School become a reality. ...Our vision is bold, but necessary. There is no Episcopal School for boys and girls in Los Angeles, and the need and demand for it is evident to us all. As the Bible warns us, 'where there is no vision, the people perish.' Let us respond whole-heartedly."

Saint James' Episcopal School, whose campus is just north of the church buildings, is the primary ministry of our church, but there was an interim step in the creation of the school. Our first school was built at 615 S. Gramercy Place. Col. Joseph A. Debell donated the building and grounds to the church for the building of the school, but considerable remodeling was needed first. The church engaged in an ambitious fundraising effort to afford the renovations, buy the necessary equipment, and to employ teachers and staff. All their hard work succeeded, but in turn it would whet the appetite of the school for the creation of a greater campus that would follow.

The first Saint James' School on Gramercy Place was eventually torn down and became the site of Saint James' Manor, a retirement home.



615 S. Gramercy Place in 1967; Inset photo of Colonel Joseph A. Debell. To the right is the Rev. Sam D'Amico and Frederick Larkin, Senior Warden.