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# NEWS

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### **“St. Vincent’s Infirmary” State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated In Indianapolis, Indiana**

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for June 16, 2008. The state historical marker recognizing St. Vincent’s Infirmary will be dedicated at 540 E. Vermont Street, Indianapolis at 10:00 A. M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “St. Vincent’s Infirmary”:

Bishop Francis Silas Chatard began work to open an infirmary here in St. Joseph’s Seminary by 1878. Many local residents and physicians opposed the infirmary, fearing the spread of disease. The Daughters of Charity St. Vincent de Paul in Maryland sent sisters to take charge of the infirmary 1881. It was incorporated as St. Vincent’s Infirmary 1884. Overcrowding required new infirmary, built 1889 at South and Delaware Streets. By 1899, new infirmary added 19 private rooms, an operating room, and an operating theater used for teaching. Industrialization of city and continuous influx of patients created safety problems; building damaged by gas explosion 1908. Moved to Fall Creek Boulevard 1913.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony for a state historical marker that commemorates the history of one of Indianapolis’s largest hospitals.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

For a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau’s website at [www.IN.gov/history](http://www.IN.gov/history) or call 317-232-2537.

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