



## TALKING POINTS

**Below are the talking points for use by departments and areas when creating programs for their events and scripting remarks.**

In 2020, St. John's University celebrates its 150th anniversary. Our sesquicentennial celebration, "150 Years: Faithful to the Mission," includes year-long festivities to mark this very special occasion and recognize the University's heritage, accomplishments, and academic excellence.

Founded in 1870 by the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians), with a mission to provide the youth of New York City with an intellectual and moral education, St. John's is a Catholic and Vincentian University with deep roots in metropolitan New York and an expanding global footprint. From our humble beginnings—as a place of opportunity for immigrants and their children—the University has grown from a one-room farmhouse in Brooklyn, NY, to a modern University spread across two continents. While the University evolves and expands, we never waver from our founding mission to serve those most in need.

Events and activities to mark our 150th anniversary will take place throughout the 2020–21 academic year and are designed to engage all University constituencies—students, faculty, alumni, administrators, staff, and friends.

Together, we honor generations of Johnnies who came before us, as well as our current community of supporters, whose dedication and innovation have built St. John's into the metropolitan and global University it is today.

We are proud that, for a century and a half, St. John's University remains "Faithful to the Mission," and we celebrate that legacy and its promise for an even greater future.

There are many ways for members of the St. John's University community to be involved in the 150th Anniversary Celebration:

1. Share your memories and birthday messages through a mobile story-sharing site! You can also read about families who have shared their St. John's pride across the years. Share stories and photos, new or old, to help tell the St. John's story.  
[www.stjohns.edu/150JoinTheCelebration](http://www.stjohns.edu/150JoinTheCelebration)
2. Visit [150.stjohns.edu](http://150.stjohns.edu) for information on future 150th events and initiatives, photos from events, and ways to get involved.
3. Consider giving back to St. John's University. Your support will help keep St. John's strong for the next 150 years!