THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE: THE FIRST 100 YEARS

For a quarter-century Thomas Mulry, the president of the Emigrant Savings Bank, had been one of the most prominent leaders of St. Vincent de Paul Society. In 1907 Governor Charles Evan Hughes recognized his prominence in the field when he appointed him a commissioner of the State Board of Charities. Two years later President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Mulry vice-president of the White House Conference on the Care and of Delinquent Children.

Father Joseph Mulry, S.J., the brother of Thomas Mulry, became President of Fordham University in 1915. In view of his family's long history with charitable activities, Father Mulry jumped at the opportunity to establish a School of Social Service in the city that had a large number of poor and disadvantaged Catholics.

Fordham University inaugurated the School of Sociology and Social Service on November 6, 1916.

Located on the 8th floor of the Woolworth Building, the school offered a two-year academic program covering all aspects of social service that included both classroom lectures and supervised field work. Tuition was $10 a course for part time students or $100 per year for full time.

In 1942 the School of Social Service moved to a home of its own in a five-story building at 134-136 East 39 Street between Lexington and Third Avenues for $40,000 in the Murray Hill section of Manhattan. It not only gave the school considerably more space than in the two rented floors in the Woolworth Building, but the relocation also saved $5,000 per annum in rent. The School of Social Service would relocate one more time, to the Lowenstein Building at the new Lincoln Center campus which officially opened in 1968-1969 term.

In 1976 Dean Mary Quaranta would expand the GSS program to Westchester County when Fordham moved its graduate programs into North Hall at the Marymount Tarrytown campus. In 2008, following the closing of Marymount College, Fordham opened a new campus in West Harrison, NY. This three story building would become the new home for the Westchester division of the Graduate School of Social Service.

THE DEANS OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AT WESTCHESTER

In addition to the online program THE WESTCHESTER CAMPUS is home to:

- National Center for Social Work Trauma Education and Workforce Development
  - Enhancing the social work workforce to meet the needs of trauma survivors
  - National Center for Aging and Interprofessional Studies
  - Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service

Ravazzin Center on Aging empowers social workers and communities to meet the needs of an aging society through geriatric social work research.

- Beck Institute on Religion and Poverty
  - Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service

The Beck Institute on Religion and Poverty partners with New York City interfaith religious and lay leaders who are moved to alleviate poverty in our affluent society.