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In the latter half of the nineteenth century, several charitable institutions chose locations in Yorkville for their houses and asylums as part of a trend to move north of the crowded sections of New York City. Father Joseph Helmpraecht, a Redemptorist from the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer on Third Street, founded St. Joseph's orphan asylum to support and educate orphans and destitute and neglected children of German origins who were Roman Catholic.

A school was organized, and shortly thereafter the education of the children was entrusted to the School Sisters of Notre Dame who staffed the asylum where classes were conducted. The original school building was on the corner of 89th Street and York Avenue and was given the name St. Joseph to honor the foster father of Jesus. The school, which was built adjacent to

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