

## History and Tradition

The *St. Marien-Schulen* are part of the international framework of Mary Ward Schools which operate in many countries around the globe, like e.g. Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Italy, Spain, the U.K., Brazil, Argentina, Chile, South Korea, India, Nepal and Zimbabwe. Mary Ward Schools are all based upon the educational principles and Catholic world view of a remarkable woman who basically introduced and implemented girls' school education some 400 years ago: Mary Ward (1585-1645).

The *St. Marien-Gymnasium* was founded in 1903 under the name *Institut der Englischen Fräulein* as a boarding and day boarding school for girls (Even today the school's students are usually referred to as *die Englischen*). 1916 was a landmark date in the school's history: for the first time the state of Bavaria permitted young women to officially graduate from a grammar school and obtain the permission to go to university – nine students from our school were the pioneers. The present-day structure of a grammar school with an incorporated middle school was implemented in 1927. The boarding school was closed in 1990, day boarding is still available today, though.

