

FOR M.B. BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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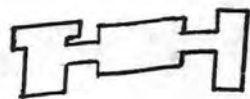
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

EASTERN AVE.

ST. JOSEPH'S ST.



1. Town Fall River, Mass.

Address 138 St. Joseph's Street

Name Jesus Marie Convent

Present use convent for retired religi

Present owner Dames of Jesus Marie

3. Description: 4 story brick w/mansard roc

Date 1887

Source datestone

Style Second Empire

Architect Louis G. Destremps

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) 1939 auditorium bldg.

Other features domnered mansard w/peaked

roof domners; denticulated cornice w/

Italianate window lintel; central tower

Altered addition Date 1928

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 161,478 sq. ft.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by Patricia Giza

Organization FROHP

Date October 5, 1982

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Jesus Marie Convent

Original use convent and girl's academy (1887-1971)

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates convent for retired nuns - 1971 - present

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> x </u>
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Notre Dame parish was established in 1874 as the second French parish in Fall River. Founded as an offspring of St. Anne's parish the church ministered to the increasing population of Canadians from small farming settlements in Quebec who poured into this city and other New England communities in the late 1800's to work in the textile mills.

In 1877, the Sisters of Jesus Marie, a religious order from the Province of Quebec, arrived at the request of Rev. Pierre J.B. Bedard, founding pastor of Notre Dame. The Sisters of Jesus Marie took charge of and expanded teaching duties at the Notre Dame parochial school. Their first convent was a modest three story wooden structure located at the corner Mason St. and Bassett St. (now St. Joseph St.) where the Notre Dame School now stands.

In 1877 plans were formulated to build a new convent and girl's academy. The building was designed by Louis G. Destremps, a Fall River architect and member of Notre Dame parish.

The Jesus Marie Convent (1887), a key structure in the development of Notre Dame parish, is a handsome four story brick Second Empire building. The central tower with its Italianate window lintels is blocked forward and dentils adorn the cornice line.

For eighty-four years the new building housed Jesus Marie Academy, a private high school for girls. The last class to graduate was the Class of 1971. In the mid-1970's, the academy was renovated into a retirement center-infirmarary for retired religious.

As a distinctive example of Second Empire architecture, and as an important institution within the development of the French-Canadian community, Jesus Marie Convent meets Criteria A and C of the National Register, individually.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Atlas 1895 - shown - Jesus-Marie French Roman Catholic Convent

1883 - not shown - (reserved for French Convent)

Water Dept. - Jesus Marie Convent - July 6, 1925 - App. #14484

Fall River and Its Points of Interest - 1896 - pg. 35 - name of architect

Bldg. Dept. - no record of original permit

Jesus Marie Convent - Mar. 6, 1928 - Permit #78 - brick - addition -
74'4" x 139' - 4 stories & basement - 20" concrete foundation -
\$75,216 - Samuel Boucher, contractor

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, Jesus Marie Convent forms a major element within the French-Canadian Notre Dame parish, which was established in 1874. Although the church complex contained six interrelated properties, because the cathedral burned in 1982 only the three most significant components to survive are being nominated to the National Register. These structures remain as major symbols of the church's role in the community.

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Foster Spinning Co.

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 Bruce Van Duzee

Attest

42. Globe Yarn Mills

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

43. Granite Mills

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 Bruce Van Duzee

Attest

44. Greany Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

45. Hargraves Mill #1

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

46. Hathaway, James D., House

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National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

47. Highlands Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

48. Hiker, The, (statue)

Substantive Review

Keeper

RS

Attest

49. House at 108-112 Quarry Street

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National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

50. Jesus Marie Convent

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Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Jesus Marie Convent (Fall River MRA)

Bristol County

MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2/16/83

Entered in the ☐ RETURN

National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ original site
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ altered
		☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



INST. 5-11A

JESUS MARIE ACADEMY

138 ST. JOSEPH'S ST.

Fall River MRA, Ma

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279