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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Immaculate Heart of Mary

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 909 E. Washington Street not for publication _____

city or town Phoenix vicinity _____

state Arizona code AZ county Maricopa code AZ 013 zip code 85034

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide locally. (____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

V. Conner, AZSAPD 6/23/93
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
 ___ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the
 National Register
 ___ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the
 National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

Richard Bryan **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE** **RECORDS** **8/10/93**

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> buildings
___	___ sites
___	___ structures
___	___ objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Religious Architecture in Phoenix, Arizona

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)Cat: RELIGION Sub: Religious Structure

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)Cat: RELIGION Sub: Religious Structure

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)Renaissance

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)foundation CONCRETEroof ASPHALTwalls STUCCO

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B. removed from its original location.
- C. a birthplace or a grave.
- D. a cemetery.
- E. a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F. a commemorative property.
- G. less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance 1910-1942

Significant Dates 1928

Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Orta, Manuel

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other
 Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1 <u>12</u>	<u>401380</u>	<u>3701260</u>	3 _____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	4 _____	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET**

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Immaculate Heart of Mary

name of property

Maricopa/Arizona

county and State

Religious Architecture in Phoenix, Arizona

name of multiple property listing

Description

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church was constructed in 1928. While the architect is unknown, the church was built by local contractor Manuel Orta. The building is constructed in the Second Renaissance Revival architectural style with North Italian mode influences and represents the European Traditional property type. It retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church has been in continuous use as a church from 1928 to the present day.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is located on the southeast corner of Washington and 9th Streets and faces north onto East Washington Street. The site is characterized by concrete and asphalt surfaces and tree lined sidewalks. A rectory, built ca. 1930, is located to the east of the church, but is not a part of the nominated property.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is a rectangular, three-story building of brick construction. The building is divided into six vertical bays along the sanctuary walls. It measures 150 x 50 feet and has a gable roof. It has a concrete foundation. The walls are sheathed with stucco.

The exterior of the building is distinguished by a symmetrical facade dominated by twin bell towers. The stepped back, five story towers are topped by domed roofs with crosses. The walls at each level are penetrated by round arched openings framed in either pilastered panels or corner buttresses. The towers frame a three story gable wall recessed behind an arcaded balcony. A large rose window with corbelled hood dominates the second level. The entrance is recessed below the balcony and accessed through a arched vestibule that is framed by decorative pilasters. The gable wall is detailed with deep brick corbelling at the rakes. Tall, arched sanctuary windows are located between pilasters and are infilled with stucco panels.

Alterations are limited to the infilled windows.

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Statement of Significance

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is significant under Criteria C in the area of Significance of Architecture. Built in 1928, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is a good local example of the Second Renaissance Revival architectural style with North Italian mode influences and therefore represents the historic context "Religious Architecture in Phoenix, 1910-1942." While its architect is unknown, the building is a good illustration of the European Traditional property type. The building possess the important characteristics of the property type, specifically the embodiment of a stylistic idea based on the European traditions of religious architecture.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church represents the largest local example of the stylistic fusion of the North Italian mode and Second Renaissance Revival styles in Phoenix' religious architecture. The three story facade is flanked by twin bell towers providing a strong symmetrical image. Characteristic North Italian elements dominate the facade, including elaborate brick corbelling at the large roof gable, extensive use of round arch window and door openings, and a large central rose window at the upper level. Typical features of the Second Renaissance Revival Style include the second level balcony with recessed central entry below accentuated by a two story arched opening.

Bibliography

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Phoenix City Directories, Phoenix, Arizona, 1889-1942.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Phoenix, Arizona, 1893-1942.

Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1976.

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is located on Lot 3, Block 7 of Murphy's Addition.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the original church site which has historically been associated with the property.