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In Area no.	Form no.
	152-C

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

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Roll 14

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Worcester

Address 935 Main Street

Name St. Peter's Catholic Church

Present use church

Present owner Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester

3. Description: 49 Elm Street Worcester 01609

Date 1884-1893

Source Nutt, vol. II

Style Victorian Gothic

Architect P.W. Ford of Boston

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features granite trim, arched windows, rose window, tower with corbelled cornice, crenellations and spires

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessors! Book 7, p.6 Lot 34 28,538 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 260'

Approximate distance of building from street

25'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date December 1977

UTM

19/267240/4681530

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) St. Peter's Catholic Church

Original use church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

Designed by P.W. Ford of Boston, who designed a large number of Worcester's Roman Catholic churches, St. Peter's Catholic Church is predominantly Victorian Gothic style and is one of Worcester's most ornate Victorian church buildings. The building is built of red brick with granite trim. The church plan consists of a high nave with enclosed side aisles, transept and square-plan tower at the nave's southwest corner. The church's facade contains three entries set in arches with alternating brick and stone voussoirs; above are oculi with quadri-lobate tracery (side aisles) and three arches containing paired windows and decorative brick panels. Above these arched windows is a rose window. The tower rises in stages with buttresses at the corners of its first two stories. At the tower's third storey is a belfry framed by paired arches on each wall. Above the belfry is a corbelled cornice, crenellated parapet and pinnacles.

In May of 1884, St. Peter's Catholic Church was formed to provide a separate church for the growing Catholic population of Worcester's southwestern sections, particularly in the vicinity of Main Street south. Reverend Daniel H. O'Neill was appointed to form the parish and, on June 6, 1884, ground was broken for the present building. On September 7, 1884, the church's cornerstone was laid and the congregation began using the basement chapel late in 1884, although the church was not fully completed until 1893, when it was dedicated.

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

Worcester Historical Society. Church file (1884 building notice)

Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. II, pp.875-876 (photo p.874)

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description or statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). **HISTORIAN**
Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets. **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. **ARCHEOLOGIST**

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bays need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. **OTHER**
ALEX
ALEX 2/28/80
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. FURTHER WAS MISSING IN SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11 CORRECTIONS. **HAER**
Inventory _____
Review _____

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE
✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD - 11
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DO NOT~~ ^{now} AM NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**
ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGMENT.
Recommend Listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ w/NR staff + State. **BRANCH CHIEF** 3/3/80
Return 102-L-3 to State for correction; 3/5/80
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State DUBIE

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below: **KEEPER**

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (eligibility from state) **Soldner**
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____



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30 AUG 1979

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935 Main St.
St. Peter's Catholic Church

West elevation

Weston MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304

Worcester Multiple Resource Area
9-11-79

Church of Saint Peter
929 Main Street
Worcester, Mass. 01610

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Mr. Charles A. Harrington
Acting Keeper of the
National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243 (Attn: NOM)

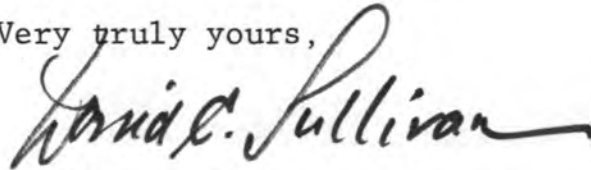
Dear Sir:

Re: Worcester Multiple
Resource Area
935 Main Street,
Worcester, Massachusetts, 01610

In reply to yours of 27 September, 1979 please be advised that the above location is that of our church building and we would be interested in having it listed in the National Register.

We will be interested in hearing from you further.

Very truly yours,



(Rev. Msgr.) David C. Sullivan
-Pastor

8 October, 1979

REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

OCT 15 1979

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

8/10/80

52% COTTON FIBER 224

21 EARTHQUAKE BAND

1979-10-15