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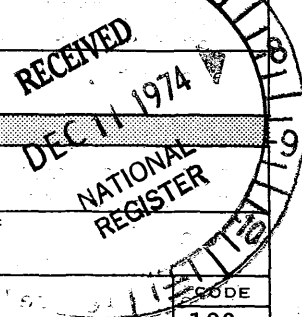
Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota
COUNTY: Ramsey
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ENTRY DATE MAR 26 1975



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: **Assumption School**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Asumption School**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **68 Exchange Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **4th**

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22** COUNTY: **Ramsey** CODE: **123**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis**

STREET AND NUMBER: **240 Summit Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Ramsey County Courthouse - Registry of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER: **15 West Kellogg Blvd.**

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Historic Saint Paul Buildings Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1964** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Saint Paul City Planning Board**

STREET AND NUMBER: **421 Wabasha Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 68 Exchange Street in Saint Paul, the building known as Assumption School is a two storey limestone structure executed in the Italian Villa mode. Excepting the cupola now absent, the building has retained its original configuration and the majority of original design elements.

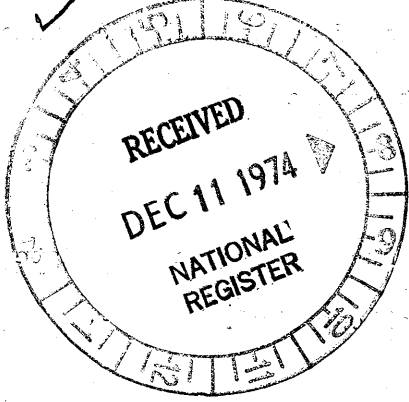
The ground plan (sixty-two by forty-two feet) is a modified cruciform with the central portion or pavilion as the primary element of each facade. Longitudinally entrances are located in the central bays. Exterior walls are of gray rock-faced limestone with dressed limestone blocks in the quoins and lintels. The effect is that of coursed ashlar. The walls are surmounted by a hipped roof with wide projecting eaves supported by groups of double brackets.

Two of the four original brick chimneys were replaced with simpler, non-recessed panel versions. Asphalt shingle roofing replaces original cut cedar or slate shingles which are no longer extant.

On the interior, the building consists of a full basement of limestone with interior brick bearing walls, two classrooms on the ground storey, and an assembly room measuring thirty (30) by ~~eighty-five (85)~~ feet on the second storey.

The structure is in a good state of preservation although it has not been used as a school since 1888. It presently serves as quarters for the parish caretaker and is maintained by the Assumption Church. It has been recorded by HABS, (Survey Number 29-31).

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

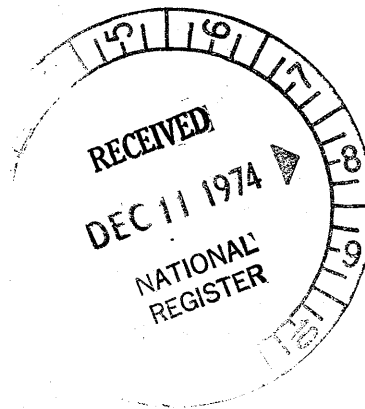
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Four years after the founding of Assumption Church in 1856, the growing pains of the new parish necessitated the building of a parish school. Prior to this time children from Assumption parish attended sessions in one storey of a brick building on the Saint Joseph's Hospital grounds which was used for the English speaking free school connected with the Cathedral parish. In 1860 a frame school building was erected at Ninth and Exchange Streets at a cost of \$400.00. This building was destroyed by fire on 4 July 1863. It was replaced by the present stone building in 1864 at a cost of \$11,300. Originally intended to focus on education for the children of German speaking parishioners, as the inscription in German over the main entrance attests, the building soon outlived usefulness and discontinued to be used as a school in 1888. Until then strict segregation of students was practiced, the two rooms on the ground storey assigned to boys, the second storey assigned to girls.

The Assumption School remains as a significant element in Saint Paul's architectural, religious, and educational heritage. An excellent example of an early Italian Villa style school building, it is the only such extant parochial school building of the 1860's in the Minneapolis/Saint Paul area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Koeper, H.F., Historic Saint Paul Buildings, St. Paul, 1964.
 Hurley, Sister Helen Angela, On Good Ground, Minneapolis, 1951.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

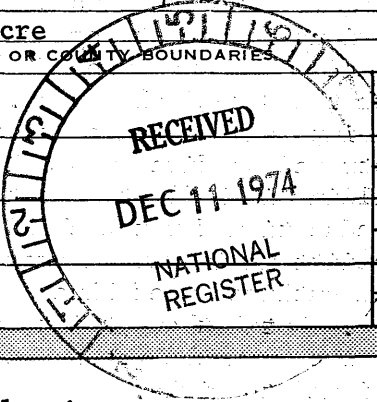
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES.

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Charles W. Nelson, Historic Sites Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **24 October 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Russell W. Fridley
 Title: Minnesota Historical Society
 Date: December 7, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Arthur H. Hooten
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/26/75

ATTEST:

W. J. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3-25-75