

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Name of Property

County and State

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

Section number _____ Page _____

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 100002576

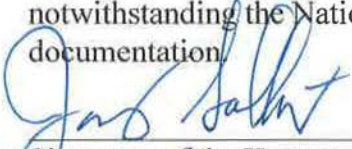
Date Listed: 6/19/2018

Property Name: St. Theresa Catholic Church and School

Parish: Acadia

State: LA

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

6-19-2018

Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Criteria Consideration G is hereby deleted.

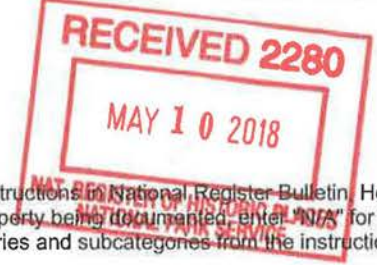
The period of significance for the property has a natural end, 1971, which is only 3 years into the past fifty years. The preponderance of the property's significance is more than fifty years ago; the justification of exceptional importance for the continued significance of the last three years is not necessary or justified.

The Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. 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.

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Other Names/Site Number: N/A
Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

2. Location

Street & Number: 417 W. 3rd Street
City or town: Crowley State: LA County: Acadia
Not for Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 at the following level(s) of significance:
 national state local

Applicable National Register Criteria: A B C D

Kristin Sanders 4/20/2018
Signature of certifying official/Title: Kristin Sanders, State Historic Preservation Officer **Date**
Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official: **Date**

Title: **State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government**

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

4. National Park Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register
 determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other, explain: _____

John J. Walker
Signature of the Keeper

6-19-2018

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public – Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public – State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public – Federal

Category of Property (Check only **one** box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Site
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Non-contributing	
4	1	Buildings
		Sites
		Structures
		Objects
4	1	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.): Religion: Religious Facility, Church School, Church-related Residence

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.): Religion: Religious Facility, Church-related Residence

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.): Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements: Bungalow; Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals: Classical Revival; No style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)
foundation: brick piers, concrete
walls: vinyl, asbestos siding
roof: metal
other: N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

St. Theresa Catholic Church sits on 1.4 acres three blocks west of downtown Crowley in Acadia Parish, Louisiana. The property includes five buildings, four of which are contributing. The site used to house an additional two-story school building, which was located in front of the existing parish hall, until 2005 when the building was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The four contributing buildings are the church, rectory, sister's house, and kindergarten building (known today as the prayer chapel). These buildings date from c. 1922 through 1957 with the rectory and sister's house being the oldest, the church being the next oldest, and the prayer chapel is the youngest building. All of these buildings were used as the campus for the St. Theresa Catholic School from 1922 through 1971. Their styles include Craftsman for the rectory, Classical Revival for the church, no style for the sister's house, and the modern movement for the prayer chapel. These buildings have received some alterations over the years, including some window replacement on the rectory and sister's house and siding replacement on the rectory, church, and sister's house. While these are material changes, the overall form, fenestration patterns, and designs of the four contributing buildings has remained the same and are all recognizable to students and parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church and school during the period of significance.

Narrative Description

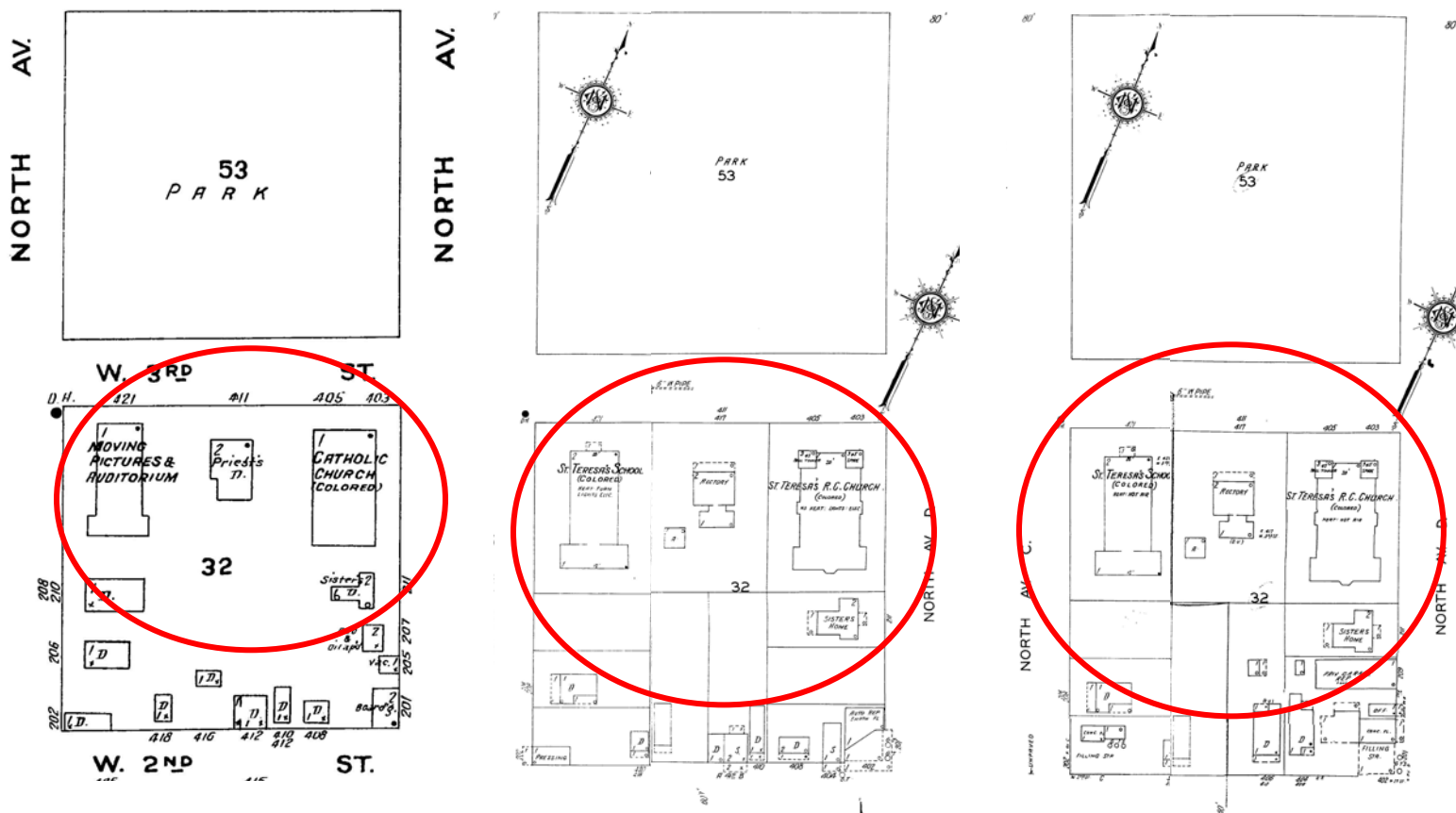
St. Theresa Catholic Church is located just west of downtown Crowley and has a public park across the street from it. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps show that this park has long been a part of this neighborhood. Surrounding the church is a mostly residential area with other churches (of other denominations) also present. This has been the character and use of the neighborhood both historically and today.

St. Theresa's includes five buildings, four of which are contributing. The one non-contributing building is the parish hall, which was constructed after 2005 after the former two-story school building, which

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

had a hall, was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Figure 1 at the end of this nomination shows this school in place when it was still one story. The following Sanborn maps trace the development of the property from c. 1925 through 1951.



Above: 1925 Sanborn Map at far left, 1931 Sanborn Map at center, 1948 Sanborn Map at far right

In 1925, the former school building is listed as “moving pictures and auditorium.” This would relate to the historic image seen in Figure 1. The ‘priest’s dwelling’, church, and sister’s house are all in place by 1925, which corresponds to the 1922 date of the beginning of the school and church. At this time, the church was one story and a simple rectangular shape. By 1931, the school gained a second floor. Per parishioners, the second floor became classrooms and the first floor was used as an auditorium and later as a cafeteria. At this same time, the rectory received a small rear addition. The 1931 map also shows a front porch on the rectory, but it is believed that this is just an oversight as looking at the rectory, the front porch does not appear added. Between 1925 and 1931, the church came into its current layout with three story bell towers and the existing large open sanctuary space. The 1948 Sanborn maps show the buildings unchanged from 1931. The prayer chapel was constructed in 1957 so is not visible on the 1948 Sanborn map. Once the school building was destroyed, the modern parish hall was built near the rear of the property line.

Church (see Photos 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 13), Contributing

There was a church structure in place in 1922 (and 1925 per the Sanborn map), but by 1931, it had been expanded to its current size and shape. The main alterations made to the church include the addition of vinyl siding (at the same width and reveal as the wood siding), the addition of a small front

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

portico to protect people from the rain, and some interior cosmetic updates. The windows on the side have been replaced from the 16/16 double hung wood windows to stained glass windows. The wooden fanlights above the windows remain today. The windows on the façade all remain as do the two bell towers. The three front entries, under each bell tower and in the center, remain as well. The other noticeable alteration is the addition of a one story covered portico on the front by the central entry, likely added for protection from the weather. It is very simply detailed and does not detract from the overall historic character of the church building. It still stands out as the dominant building on the campus.

Rectory (see Photos 7, 10, 12, 14, 15), Contributing

The rectory, referred to as the priest's dwelling on the 1925 Sanborn map, dates to 1922. It is a two story house in the Craftsman style. The main alterations made to the building since it was built and as seen in Figure 1, include the screening in of the left side of the front porch, vinyl siding has been added, a new metal roof installed (original material is undeterminable), and the windows and front door have been replaced within their existing opening size. The original multi lite sidelights are intact. While these changes have been made, they are mostly in materials and the overall design of the rectory remains intact. The projecting front porch is supported by four boxed columns. The center of the porch projects more to be a visually dominant aspect of the building and features a simple temple style pediment. The central front door with sidelights is flanked by a set of double windows on each side. Above that is a large shed dormer with two sets of tripled windows. The side elevations have three windows on the first floor – one in front of the chimney and a double set behind it – and a single window on the second floor. The one story rear addition has an entrance door on the left hand side. The rear elevation also has the same large shed dormer. The rectory may have had some material changes through time, but it is still recognizable as the same building seen in Figure 1 c. 1930.

Sister's House (see Photos 4, 5, 8), Contributing

This building, constructed in 1922, is T shaped and it appears that the main alteration is the replacement windows. The building is clad in asbestos siding. The façade has a small projecting front porch with a front gabled roof. A single window is located on each side of the front entrance door as well as on the second floor. The side elevations of the top of the "T" have two windows on the first floor and one on the second floor. The building does retain some of the original 2/2 wood windows on the rear of the T section. The rest of the windows are 2/2 horizontal pane aluminum windows. On the sides of the rear section of the T, there are two windows on the second floor. The rear elevation of the bottom of the T has a set of two windows on the second floor. A rear addition was added post 1948 for a rear sun porch that has windows along the side and rears. The building has a metal roof matching that on the church and rectory.

Kindergarten Building (see Photos 6, 11), Contributing

This two story building was built in 1957 for use as kindergarten classrooms for St. Theresa Catholic School. Today, it is used as Sunday school classrooms. The side elevations have no openings. The façade has two doors on each side with two sets of double windows in between. The windows throughout the building are 2/2 horizontal pane windows. On the second floor, there are two single windows above the doors and two more sets of double windows in between. The roof is metal and hipped. The entire building is clad in asbestos siding.

Parish Hall (see Photo 16), Non-contributing

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

This building is a modern one story building with a projecting front roof supported by rectangular brick columns. It is clad in blonde brick and features several glass entry doors. It is considered non-contributing due to its age.

Integrity

St. Theresa Catholic Church has been continually used since 1922 as a place of worship, a gathering place for the African American Catholic population of Crowley and neighborhood, and as the Catholic school for Crowley’s African American students. The alterations that have been made to the buildings, as pointed out above, have been mainly to certain materials, and includes the addition of vinyl siding to the rectory and church and window replacement. Despite these changes, the four contributing buildings would be recognizable to former parishioners and students of St. Theresa’s Catholic Church.

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.)

X	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:

X	A	Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
	B	Removed from its original location
	C	A birthplace or grave
	D	A cemetery
	E	A reconstructed building, object, or structure
	F	A commemorative property
X	G	Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions.): Education, Ethnic Heritage: Black

Period of Significance: 1922-1971

Significant Dates: 1922, 1971

Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above): N/A

Cultural Affiliation (only if criterion D is marked above): N/A

Architect/Builder (last name, first name): Volunteer parishioners

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

Period of Significance (justification): The period of significance is 1922, when the school first opened in the church and surrounding buildings, through 1971, when the school closed.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary): Criteria considerations A and G come into play. The buildings are all owned by a religious organization, but they are not being listed for religious significance. Rather, they are being listed for their educational and ethnic history. Secondly, the period of significance extends into less than 50 years in order to encompass all the years the campus functioned as an African American school in Crowley, which ends just after the 50 year guideline of 1968.

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School is locally significant under Criterion A: History, in the areas of education and ethnic history: Black. It represents the initial development of an educational facility for African American students during a time when segregation was alive and thriving. These buildings represent the only opportunity local children of color had to receive an education. The main school building has been lost, but the church and the prayer hall also functioned as classrooms for the school and the rectory and sister's residence was also integral to the operation of the school. In addition to its educational significance, St. Theresa Catholic Church played a central role in the black community of Crowley.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

History of Crowley

Crowley was founded in 1886 by C.C. Duson and W.W. Duson. Incorporated in 1887, W.W. Duson, General Manager of Southwest Louisiana Land Company, plotted and developed Crowley. W.W. Duson's daughter, Maime Duson, married Percy Lee Lawrence, who founded the First National Bank of Crowley. The 7-story building was once the tallest building between Houston and New Orleans. They lived with their three children, P.L. Jr., Pattee, and Jack at 219 East 2nd Street. The house is now on the historic register.

The town was named after Pat Crowley, an Irish railroad man who brought the railroad depot to W.W. Duson's land.^[8] Descendants of founder W.W. Duson, continue to live in Crowley. The public park named after the towns founders sits directly across the street from where St. Theresa Catholic church and school was constructed and currently sits.

Criterion A: Education and Ethnic Heritage: Black

Education in Louisiana

Education in Louisiana at the turn of the 20th century was in a horrible state. One important event that occurred in relation to education was the adoption of the new state constitution in 1898. It enabled local special tax elections for the support of public schools. It also mandated that schools would be segregated by race. Following the adoption of this constitution and under the guidance of state superintendent T.H. Harris from 1908-1940, "public education in Louisiana was enabled to

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

grow and develop to respectable status.”

This respectable status was true only for white schools. While the overall condition of education was still poor throughout the state, it was immensely poor for African American children. Throughout the state, the physical plant for white schools was valued at over \$6 million. The physical plant for African American schools was valued at just \$250,000. It is estimated that this number was even lower as the majority of schools, like the school at St. Theresa Catholic Church, were actually churches or lodges and not actual public school buildings. In some cities, such as Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Shreveport, substantial school buildings were constructed. In smaller towns, one room or multiple room frame school houses were constructed. The Rosenwald fund, which made many rural schools possible from 1916 to 1932, contributed to the construction of 392 schools as well as houses for teachers and shops. For other places, like Crowley, it wouldn't be until later when more substantial separate school buildings would be constructed.¹

History of St. Theresa Catholic School and Church

At the time of St. Theresa Catholic School's founding, there was one school for African Americans in Crowley, but there were no catholic schools. Ross Elementary was the only African American public school at that time. Crowley Industrial High School was the secondary school for black children after graduating from Ross Elementary and later, for those students graduating from St. Theresa's.²

In 1920, the first (and only) parish for Black Catholics was started in Crowley, Louisiana. Father Thomas was assigned as the first pastor to 500 worshipping attendants. The patron saint chosen for the new parish was St. Theresa of Avila.

Hard work and many sacrifices on the part of all were necessary to achieve the construction of the parish buildings. Those were very hard times, with men earning only ten cents an hour or a dollar a day for their work at the mill. In order to raise money, bazaars, home cooked dinners, dances and plays were held (usually with a capacity crowd in attendance). By June 1922, it was possible to begin the construction of the church, and due to much volunteer help, it was completed and dedicated on October 22nd in that same year.

The following January, 1923, the first three Holy Ghost Sisters arrived. By the next September, there were over 200 children enrolled in the school. Later, in the early 1930's, St. Theresa's even had a high school for three years.

An important part of the parish development was the founding of several societies as the year went by. There was a Junior Sodality, a Choir, the Ladies Sodality, and the St. Joseph Society which was organized for the purpose of mutual help in time of need, and which still exists today. In 1925, the Knights of Columbus and Ladies of Peter Claver were organized, and it too, continues its work until the present time.

Meanwhile, life was still difficult in the Crowley area. The Flood of 1927 brought in many new

¹ National Register of Historic Places, Beard Congregational Church, Erath, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, National Register #15000700

² Wanda George. Personal Interview, February 2, 2018.

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School

Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA

County and State

parishioners, especially from Breaux Bridge and St. Martinville; however, sharecropping and plantation work brought in very little money, especially during the depression years. Then, in the terrible Flood of 1940, thousands had to be evacuated from Crowley as the rains kept falling and the waters kept rising. When the evacuees were able to return, they were faced with an enormous clean-up job before life could slowly return to normal.

During the years of World War II, there was more prosperity and, in 1945, the parish of St. Theresa celebrated its Silver Jubilee, an event that brought joy and thanksgiving to all.

In addition to its educational significance, St. Theresa Catholic Church played a central role in the black community of Crowley. As pointed out in the "The African American Experience in Louisiana" historic context, "Because of the exceptionally important role of the church as an institution in the black community, an argument can be made for the eligibility of most historic black churches for historical importance as long as they maintain a fair level of integrity and their historic role can be documented, discussed, and explained in terms of the specific church candidate." This is the case for St. Theresa. Not only did it serve as the only Catholic school for African American children, but the church and campus also served as a community gathering space for the surrounding African American neighborhood. The above mentioned context also states:

"...Catholicism was the first European religion to which Africans in Louisiana were introduced and therefore has played an important role in the lives of many people of African descent in Louisiana. While in the rest of the country, African Americans are a small minority of Catholics, that is not the case in Louisiana."³

St. Theresa retains a good level of integrity and can clearly be documented as an important gathering place within the city of Crowley. While the building is used for religious activities, it has also played a key social and philanthropic role in the local Crowley community as a whole. There have been many goals for the church and school to help serve its home community. One particular example of how St. Theresa's is a gathering place is through the fall bazaar that has been help throughout the history of the church. The entire community, not just the parishioners, is invited, lunches are sold, raffles are done, and it ends up being a gathering for all members of the community.⁴

St. Theresa Catholic School

St. Theresa's Catholic School provided a quality education to African American students during the time of segregation and provided the only private Catholic educational opportunity in Crowley for black students. The school went from kindergarten through 8th grade. For a short time, the school also had high school grades, but according to Wanda George, who worked for the school for decades, that did not last long and students would attend Crowley Industrial High School after graduating from St. Theresa's.

The school opened in 1921, prior to the church being built. The teachers were the Sisters of the Holy Ghost nuns who lived in the house that was built behind the church building. There were usually around 200 students total in the entire school and classes took place in the former

³ Laura Ewen Blokker. "The African American Experience in Louisiana." Historic Context prepared for the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation, May 2012: pg. 74.

⁴ Wanda George. Personal Interview, February 2, 2018.

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School

Acadia Parish, LA

Name of Property

County and State

school building, the church, and in the kindergarten building. The curriculum was typical of schools at the time and included reading, writing, and arithmetic. Ms. George stated that she had so many memories of her time at the school that it was hard to pick just a few, but she does remember that there were sometimes home economics type classes including a particular memory of a sewing class. She also remembers the nuns teaching piano to the students. The school had a basketball team as well.

Many of the alumni of St. Theresa's went on to be influential both in Crowley and Louisiana as a whole. Some became lawyers while others became teachers and educational leaders. One alumni in particular, Edward J. Sam, became a longtime educator in nearby Lafayette Parish at Holy Rosary Institute, a historical black high school in Lafayette. He served as a teacher, principal, and school board member. He advocated for "at risk" children throughout his career and fought for equal opportunities for children in Lafayette. Because of his longtime dedication to education in the Lafayette area, a school was recently named for him. In July 2017, the Edward J. Sam Accelerated School of Lafayette (about 30 minutes east of Crowley) was opened.⁵

St. Theresa's School was closed due to the desegregation and consolidation of all schools in the Diocese of Lafayette in 1971. Fortunately, for the many black children who could not afford the tuition at another school, the Sisters developed an extensive Religious Education Program for them. This program has become one of the finest in the Diocese, with over 500 children enrolled each year in grades 1 through 12. The annual census done by the Sisters also did much to bring children into the program. The census also afforded the Sisters the opportunity to visit parishioners, particularly the sick, and to remain in touch with the people who love them dearly for their untiring dedication.

Through the years since its beginning as a small branch of a mustard seed, St. Theresa's Parish has been blessed with many good, holy pastors. From the first Pastor, Father Thomas Duffy, down to the present, Father Kenneth Howard, the Josephite Fathers have given their lives and service willingly and their dedication is appreciated deeply by every parishioner.

Developmental History/Additional historic context information

See Above

9. Major Bibliographical Resources

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Blokker, Laura Ewen. "The African American Experience in Louisiana." Historic Context prepared for the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation, May 2012: pg. 74.

"Edward Joseph Sam." Obituary.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theadvertiser/obituary.aspx?pid=174740833>. Accessed February 6, 2018.

⁵ "Edward Joseph Sam." Obituary. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theadvertiser/obituary.aspx?pid=174740833>. Accessed February 6, 2018.

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

George, Wanda. Personal Interview, February 2, 2018.

Kenney, Peter Fr. "The Josephites and the African American Community." 1997.

National Register of Historic Places, Beard Congregational Church, Erath, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana,
National Register #15000700

"Parish History." St. Theresa Catholic Church Website. <http://www.josephites.org/parish/la/stc/page3.html>.
Accessed January 3, 2018.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Crowley, LA, 1924, 1931, 1948. Accessed via the State Library of Louisiana's
Digital collections.

Wiltz, Selena. Personal Interview, 2017.

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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____ N/A _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property: 1.4 acres

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Latitude: 30.209877 | Longitude: -92.376469 |
| 2. Latitude: 30.210301 | Longitude: -92.375438 |
| 3. Latitude: 30.209349 | Longitude: -92.376172 |
| 4. Latitude: 30.209777 | Longitude: -92.375167 |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

Parcel#861000190: Lots 3-4-5-6-7-8-11-12-13-14 &N 50 FT Lots 9-10 Blk 32 (lots3-4-5-6-11-12-13-14 Size 50 X 100) (LOTS 7-8-9-10 Size 50 X 150); ACQ: #55280 N3-271; #56219 N3-370; #56288 K3-683; 356425 N3-401; #56387 O3-291; #56426 O3-295; #85220 F4-196; #88031 14-199 #319167; #322500. See submitted plat map for boundaries.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)
The boundaries chosen reflect the historic boundaries of the property.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Anthony Clement; Jessica Richardson (SHPO Staff)
organization: St. Theresa Catholic Church
street & number: 417 W. 3rd St.
city or town: Crowley state: LA zip code: 70526
e-mail: amertraderealty@aol.com
telephone: 337-581-7571
date: 10/12/17

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 3000x2000 at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: St. Theresa Catholic Church
City or Vicinity: Crowley
County: Acadia
State: LA
Name of Photographer: Jessica Richardson
Date of Photographs: October 30, 2017

- 1 of 16: Façade of church, camera facing southeast.
- 2 of 16: Eastern elevation of church, camera facing south.
- 3 of 16: Eastern elevation of church, camera facing west.
- 4 of 16: Façade of sisters' house, camera facing southwest.
- 5 of 16: Rear elevation of sisters' house, camera facing east.

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Name of Property

Acadia Parish, LA
County and State

- 6 of 16: Eastern elevation of kindergarten building, camera facing southwest.
- 7 of 16: Rear and eastern elevation of rectory, camera facing west.
- 8 of 16: Rear elevation of sisters' house, camera facing northeast.
- 9 of 16: View of rectory and church from Third Street, camera facing southeast.
- 10 of 16: Western elevation of church, camera facing east.
- 11 of 16: View of yard between buildings and kindergarten building, camera facing southeast.
- 12 of 16: View of parking lot and parish hall, camera facing south.
- 13 of 16: View of western elevation of church, camera facing north.
- 14 of 16: Façade of rectory, camera facing southeast.
- 15 of 16: View of western elevation of the rectory, camera facing northeast.
- 16 of 16: Façade of parish hall, camera facing southeast.

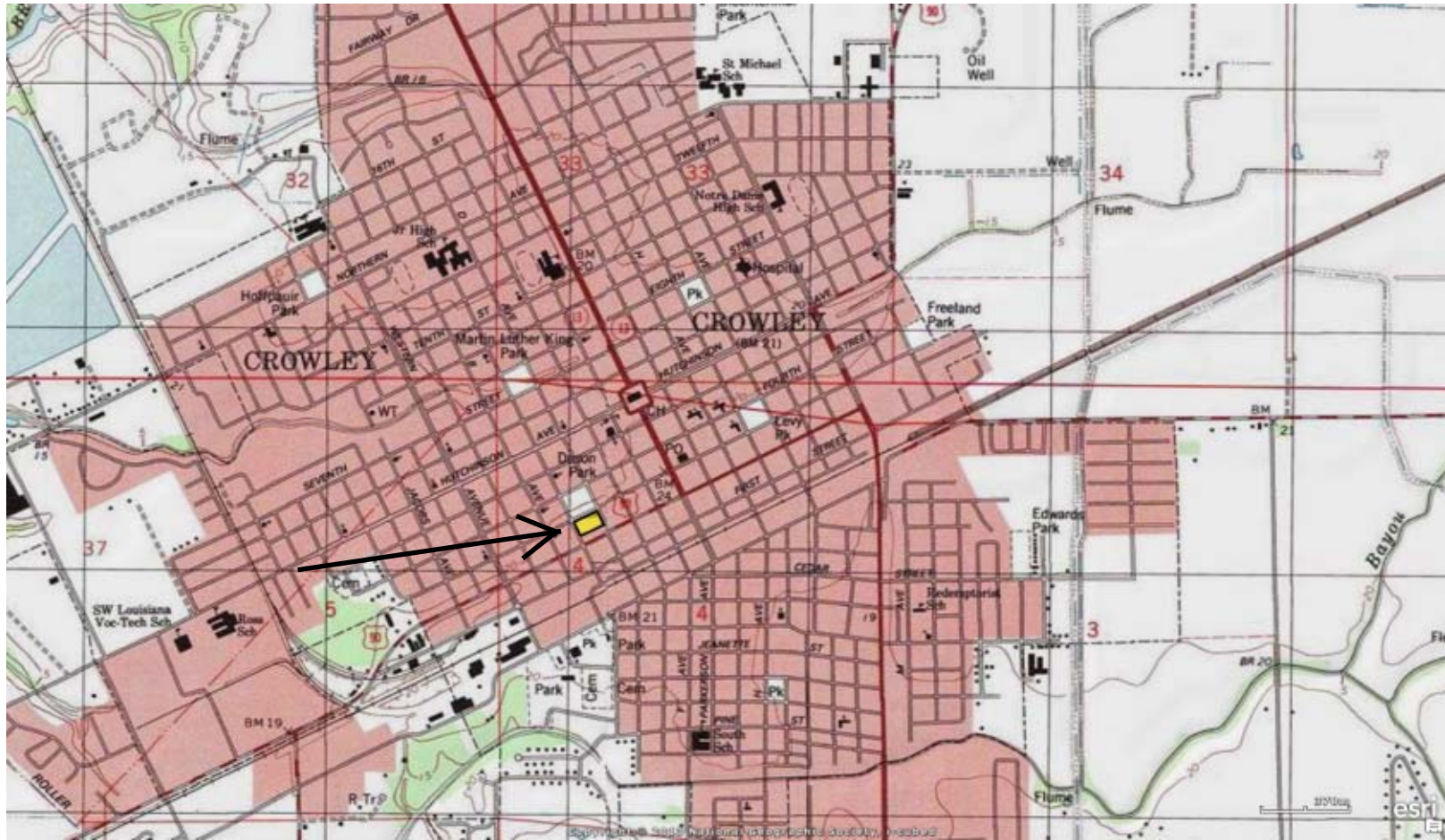


Figure 1. Photo of the church, rectory, and former school c. 1930.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School, Acadia Parish, LA



Latitude: 30.209843 Longitude: -92.375790

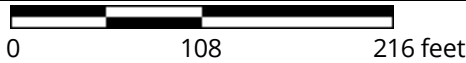


St. Theresa Catholic Church and School, Acadia Parish, LA - Plat and Boundary



Parcels

Lots

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School

Acadia Parish, LA
Lat/Long Map

N Ave C

N Ave B

W 3rd St

North Ave E

1.	Latitude: 30.209877	Longitude: -92.376469
2.	Latitude: 30.210301	Longitude: -92.375438
3.	Latitude: 30.209349	Longitude: -92.376172
4.	Latitude: 30.209777	Longitude: -92.375167



St. Theresa Catholic Church and School

Acadia Parish, LA
Photo Key

N Ave C

W 3rd St

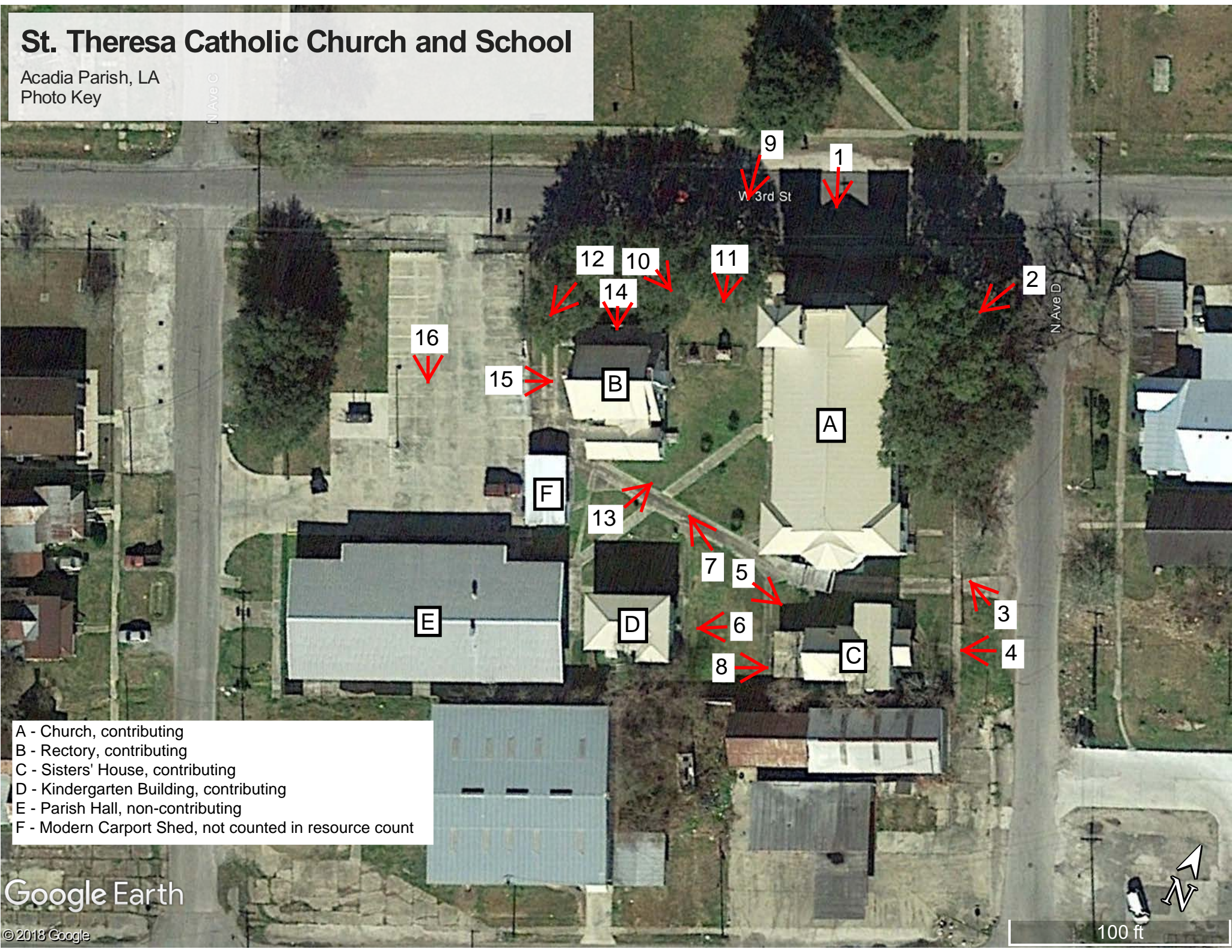
N Ave D

- A - Church, contributing
- B - Rectory, contributing
- C - Sisters' House, contributing
- D - Kindergarten Building, contributing
- E - Parish Hall, non-contributing
- F - Modern Carport Shed, not counted in resource count

Google Earth

© 2018 Google

100 ft





NO SMOKING

NO SMOKING



Handicap Accessible

No Smoking

























417

IRISH HALL

ADT

ADT





PARISH HALL

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 5/10/2018 Date of Pending List: 5/30/2018 Date of 16th Day: 6/14/2018 Date of 45th Day: 6/25/2018 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> PDIL | <input type="checkbox"/> Text/Data Issue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waiver | <input type="checkbox"/> National | <input type="checkbox"/> Map/Boundary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Resource | <input type="checkbox"/> Period |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> TCP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 50 years |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLG | <i>See SLR</i> |

Accept Return Reject 6/19/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria:

Reviewer Jim Gabbert Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : **Yes**

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



No response
received - JR
5/3/18

BILLY NUNGESSER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

BILL CODY
DEPUTY SECRETARY

February 5, 2018

Tony Duhon
PO Box 1463
Crowley, LA 70526

Dear Mr. Duhon:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic property listed below will be considered by the State National Register Review Committee for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

**St. Theresa Catholic Church and School
Acadia Parish, LA**

The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage. Listing of a property provides recognition of its historic significance and assures protective review of federal projects that might adversely affect the character of the historic property. If the property is listed on the National Register, tax credits for rehabilitation and other beneficial provisions may apply. Listing in the National Register does not place limitations on the property by the federal or state government. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. The government will not attach restrictive covenants to the property or seek to acquire them. A draft copy of the nomination and attachment is included with this letter.

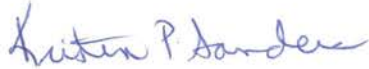
One of your responsibilities as a Certified Local Government (CLG) is to review pending National Register nominations of properties within your community. This is required, in part, to detect any errors in fact, but also to provide local insight or knowledge concerning the property. I hope that you will consider the nomination for this property at your next meeting. After providing a reasonable opportunity for public comment, the Crowley Historic District Commission shall fill out the attached CLG review form as to whether or not, in their opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. Within 60 calendar days of notice from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the chief elected official shall transmit their report to the SHPO. If the SHPO does not receive the report and recommendation within 60 calendar days, the nomination process will continue. All comments received will be forwarded to the SHPO Director and the National Register Review Committee for consideration along with the nomination.

We have scheduled the nomination for presentation to the National Register Review Committee on **Thursday, April 12, 2018**, and would like to receive your comments by that time in fulfillment of the comment period. This letter serves as notification initiating the sixty-day comment period.

Tony Duhon
February 5, 2018
Page 2

You are invited to attend the National Register Review Committee meeting at which the nomination will be officially considered. The location and time have not been confirmed yet, but will be found on our website. Should you have any questions about this nomination, please contact Jessica Richardson at 225-219-4595 or at jrichardson@crt.la.gov.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin P. Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kristin Sanders
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

CROWLEY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT FOR:
ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL
NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

NAME OF CLG: _____

PROPERTY NAME: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

DATE SENT: _____

DATE OF NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING: _____

Does the nomination meet the Criteria for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places?

Yes _____ No _____ Criterion: A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____

Has public comment been included? Yes _____ No _____ Explain:

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission would like to make the following recommendations regarding the nomination (use additional sheets if necessary): _____

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should not be listed on the National Register of Historic Places for the following reasons:

The Commission chooses not to make a recommendation on this nomination for the following reasons:

Historic District Commission Chair (Print Name)

Signature

Date

Chief Elected Official (Print Name)

Signature

Date

This report and recommendation should be mailed to:

National Register Coordinator
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation
PO Box 44247
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Questions about this form may be directed to the National Register Coordinator – Jessica Richardson at 225-215-4595 or jrichardson@crt.la.gov.



BILLY NUNGESSER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

RICHARD H. HARTLEY
DEPUTY SECRETARY

KRISTIN P. SANDERS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

DATE: May 9, 2018

TO: Mr. James Gabbert
National Park Service Mail Stop 7228
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

FROM: Jessica Richardson, National Register Coordinator
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation

RE: St. Theresa Catholic Church and School, Acadia Parish, LA



Jim,

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the National Register Documentation for the St. Theresa Catholic Church and School to be placed in the National Register of Historic Places. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 225-219-4595, or jrichardson@crt.la.gov.

Thanks,

Jessica

Enclosures:

- CD with PDF of the National Register of Historic Places nomination form
- CD with electronic images (tiff format)
- Physical Transmission Letter
- Physical Signature Page, with original signature
- _____ Other:

Comments:

- _____ Please ensure that this nomination receives substantive review
- _____ This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
- _____ The enclosed owner(s) objection(s) do _____ do not _____
- _____ constitute a majority of property owners. (Publicly owned property)
- _____ Other: