

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Bishop's ^{House} Residence/Chancery Office COUNTY: Stearns
 CURRENT NAME: Chancery Office, Diocese of St. Cloud CITY/TWP.: St. Cloud
 LEGAL DESC.: Lot 3, Block 0, Wilson's Survey of St. Cloud ADDRESS: 214 3rd Avenue South

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| CLASSIFICATION: | CONDITION: | SIGNIFICANCE: | THEME/S: |
| Building <u> X </u> | Excellent <u> X </u> | Local <u> X </u> | Primary Architecture <u> </u> |
| Structure <u> </u> | Good <u> </u> | State <u> </u> | Secondary Religion <u> </u> |
| Object <u> </u> | Fair <u> </u> | National <u> </u> | Others <u> </u> |
| District <u> </u> | Deteriorated <u> </u> | | |

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No Restricted PRESENT USE: Residence and Chancery Office
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1916 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Bishop Joseph Busch ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Louis Pinault

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| OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: The Diocese of St. Cloud 214 3rd Avenue South St. Cloud, MN 56301 | ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u> X </u> |
| LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: N/A | UTM REFERENCE: 15 / 410020 / 5045580 St. Cloud, MN Quad. 7.5 |
| FORM PREPARED BY: Thomas Harvey | |
| DATE: October 1980 | |

DESCRIPTION:
 St. Cloud architect Louis Pinault designed the two-and-a-half story Second Renaissance Revival Bishop's Residence in 1916. The rectangular plan structure has stuccoed walls with a granite foundation, stone quoins window surrounds, and belt coursing at the second floor window sill level. A mansard roof has semi-circular hooded dormers on all sides. The eave is marked by a corbeled cornice. A one-story porch extending off the rear, northwest corner of the house has a flat-roof and granite balustrade with turned posts with knobs. Square piers support the roof. On the east end is a two-story extension, with a flat-roofed, second level recessed porch. The front entrance is a single door with multi-paned sidelights and arched transom. The low swept curve of the transom is repeated and emphasized in a marquee supported by cables and brackets. The structure houses the bishop and the St. Cloud diocese chancery offices. Residence, office, and chapel space is found inside. The original integrity is intact.

SIGNIFICANCE:
 The Bishop's Residence/Chancery Office is one of St. Cloud architect Louis Pinault's best designs. It is an important addition to the city's residential architecture and the only Second Renaissance Revival style house in St. Cloud. The mansard roof gives the house a French emphasis, a hint at the tie between St. Cloud, France and St. Cloud, Minnesota. Located on an open block adjacent to the river and a major highway through the city, the house is a prominent feature of the residential section between downtown and the state university. Pinault, St. Cloud's most noted architect, is known primarily for his public buildings and schools. The 1916 design for Bishop Joseph Busch was one of his earliest commissions. Busch was appointed bishop of the St. Cloud Catholic diocese in 1915 and served until 1953. The building has the residence, chancery offices, and a chapel and integrity of use as well as design.