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The Cathedral of the Madeleine was designed by Architect C. M. Neuhausen; however, as he died before the structure was completed, Mr. Bernard O. Mecklenburg was hired to finish the Norman towers and roof. One peculiar feature in the building resulted from this change; namely, the clerestory planned by Neuhausen was eliminated and all three aisles were covered under a single roof.

The structure is built of kyune gray sandstone with interior brick lining placed on a granite block foundation. The exterior style is Romanesque. The interior is Gothic. Overall dimensions of the building are 190 feet in length, 103 feet wide at the transpepts and 74 feet in the main hall. The floor apex is about 65 feet and the ridge of the main roof approximately 100 feet high.

The Cathedral received a set of bells in 1917, and possesses a fine organ as well. Perhaps its strongest qualities are the interior decorating. Although Bishop Scanlon had spent over \$43,000 on furnishings, it was under his successors that the major changes occurred. The task was given to Architect John Comes.

The Sanctuary windows, made by George Sotter of Pittsburg, have been judged by some to be the finest treasures of the Cathedral. They represent the twelve apostles in symbolism. The Nave windows are 40 feet high and 6 feet wide. The Transpept windows, 35 feet high and 16 feet wide, represent the mysteries of the Rosary. Finally, the lovely Rose window, representing St. Cecilia, was modelled after one in the Toledo Cathedral of Spain. As a church program Epilogue states: "Its fine mural paintings by Felix Lieftuchter and wood carvings by the William Ross Company compare favorably with the best in Europe. The stained glass windows in the body of the Cathedral were made in Munich; those in the Sanctuary by George Sotter of Pittsburg. The stations of the cross were painted by Robert S. Chase under the direction of Ralph Adams Cram. The warmth of color adds to the beauty of the devotional atmosphere of the Cathedral and few churches surpass it in the effectiveness of its interior."

The interior of the Cathedral remains in generally good repair at present. However, the exterior evidences erosion from wind, water and pollution, and stabilization is needed.

The church still serves as the Bishop's Cathedral for the Salt Lake City Diocese, which includes all of Utah. Many parishoners have moved to the suburbs. Yet the Cathedral still rises proudly from Brigham Street (Sputh Temple). It "stands as a Catholic contribution to the Utah her tage from its own cultural resources—a reminder of the roots of western man."

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cathedral of the Madeleine has a very interesting history in which four important facets of Utah and American history are expressed. First of all, it was designed by Architect C. M. Neuhausen, and demonstrates his attachment to H. H. Richardson's architecture, popular in America at the turn of the century. Some writers suggest that the influence of Sir Christopher Wren is also evident as a result of the Irish background of Bishop Lawrence Scanlon.

Secondly, the Cathedral represents the missionizing efforts of Catholicism in settling the American west. Fathers Antanazio Domingues and Silvestre Velez de Escalante were the first white men to explore into Utah. In addition, in 1776, the "Pious Fund" established by the early Jesuit Padre Kino and Father Salvatierra, for building churches in the Californias (1697), became available after more than two centuries of "controversy," following a ruling by the Hague Tribunal in 1902. Monies from these Jesuit funds were paid to the "Bishops of the Californias," of which \$124,080.54 were sent to the Salt Lake Diocese for building the Cathedral, a fitting tribute to the long and continuing impact of the Catholic missions on the American west.

Thirdly, much of the money used to build and furnish the Cathedral came from Utah mines, which also provided the first attraction for major Catholic emigration to Utah. Such names as David Keith, Thomas Kearns, Mrs. Mary Judge and others are among the contributors. The Father of Utah mining, General Patrick Connor, was a Catholic. Many of the thousands of miners who came to exploit Utah's minerals were and still are Catholics. Between 1873 and 1915 all were directly affected by the Cathedral builder, Father Scanlon.

Finally, the lovely Cathedral is the crowning, tangible monument to the extensive and effective labors of Bishop Lawrence Scanlon. Father Edward Kelly had been assigned to Salt Lake City in 1866, and his successor, Father Patrick Walsh, came in 1871. They had purchased land and built the first Catholic Church in Salt Lake City, yet the edifice retained a debt of \$6,000 when Scanlon arrived in 1873.

Under Scanlon's direction, churches were built in most of the mining and larger communities of Utah. He planned and supervised the construction of all parishes in Utah before his death to and all charitable and educational institutions as well, including All Hallows College, St. Mary's Academy, St. Ann's Orphanage, and Holy Cross Hospital.

The Cathedral itself evolved slowly. In 1889, land was purchased from Don Carlos Young for about \$39,000. Ground was broken on July 4, 1889, but the cornerstone was not laid until July 22, 1900. By 1907 the building was almost finished except for the spires. At that time Bernard 0. Mechlenburg was hired as a new architect. Construction was completed and the structure

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dedicated August 15, 1909. It was a day for celebration, especially by Utah Catholics. Construction costs have been estimated at over \$300,000 plus furnishings.

Bishop Scanlon worked successfully with Mormon and civic leaders, who held him in high regard. His death May 10, 1915 was mourned by all Utahns. In tribute to him, his remains were placed in the crypt under the Sanctuary.

The words of Bishop Keane, given at the time the Cathedral was dedicated, pay eloquent tribute to this structure:

"This magnificent temple is a confession of faith of the Catholics of Salt Lake. Families will come and go, revolutions will arise, but Temples such as this remain as lasting monuments to those who built them, monuments to the living faith in human hearts."

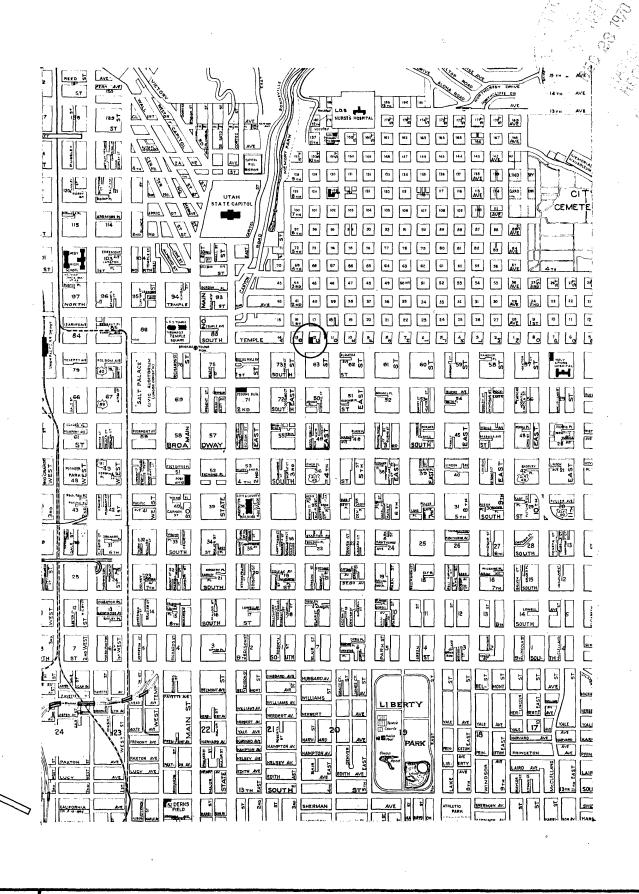


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