1. NAME
   COMMON: Nazareth Convent and Academy

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER: 13th and Washington
   CITY OR TOWN: Concordia
   STATE: Kansas
   CODE: 66901
   COUNTY: Cloud

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One)
   - District
   - Site
   - Structure
   - Object

   OWNERSHIP
   - Public
   - Private
   - Both

   PUBLIC ACQUISITION:
   - In Process
   - Being Considered

   STATUS
   - Occupied
   - Unoccupied
   - Preservation work in progress

   ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
   - Yes
   - Restricted
   - Unrestricted
   - No

   PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
   - Agricultural
   - Commercial
   - Educational
   - Entertainment
   - Industrial
   - Military
   - Museum
   - Private Residence
   - Religious
   - Scientific
   - Transportation
   - Other (Specify)
   - Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
   OWNER'S NAME: Nazareth Convent and Academy Corporation
   STREET AND NUMBER: 13th and Washington
   CITY OR TOWN: Concordia
   STATE: Kansas
   CODE: 66901

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
   Register of Deeds
   STREET AND NUMBER: Cloud County Courthouse
   CITY OR TOWN: Concordia
   STATE: Kansas
   CODE: 66901

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE
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The Nazareth Convent and Academy is a four-story Romanesque style structure located at 13th and Washington streets in Concordia. The irregularly shaped building measures approximately 200 feet long and 150 feet wide at its widest point, and the tower of the academy reaches a height of 55 feet. Exterior walls are constructed of red face brick laid in running bond and rest on a base of horizontally coursed rough-hewn stone. The brick walls are trimmed with smooth-cut stone at the roof and the windows. The roof form is a hip with gable ends at the chapel portion. A pyramidal roof on the tower and small dormer windows complete the roof forms.

Window openings on the first three floors and most of those on the fourth floor are simple rectangles with wood double hung sash windows. Several windows on the fourth floor occur in large semicircular arched openings, and there is a large rose window flanked by two arched windows in the chapel. One of the most dominant features of the building is the entrance tower which rises two stories above the roof. The main entrance is located in the base of the central tower and is approached by a monumental stone stairway. Small minarets at the tower corners and four small dormers enhance the tower design. Another outstanding feature is the use of cut stone trim throughout the building to accent the windows and other portions. Particularly noteworthy are the stone arches, the rose window and the lintels. Cut stone bands at the second floor line and on the tower provide horizontal emphasis. Decorative brickwork on the tower, with corbels, multifaceted arches and recesses, completes the decor.

A blonde brick addition to the south was built in 1968-1970.
### SIGNIFICANCE

**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- □ Pre-Columbian
- □ 16th Century
- □ 18th Century
- □ 20th Century
- □ 15th Century
- □ 17th Century
- □ 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(s) (If Applicable and Known)** 1898-1903

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Nazareth Convent and Academy Building in Concordia was built under the auspices of the Sisters of St. Joseph as an educational and religious institution. The academy, which began as a motherhouse and a boarding school in the fall of 1884, was established by four sisters of the Order of St. Joseph who in the early 1890's decided to expand and build a convent and academy on the outskirts of town. The site for the academy was purchased on June 30, 1892, and the building foundation was begun in 1898. However, work was delayed because of a lack of funds until late 1901 or early 1902. Cornerstone services were held May 15, 1902, and the building was completed in June, 1903. The total cost, excluding the surrounding 40 acres of land, was estimated to be $100,000. The structure, which was designed by William P. Feth of Leavenworth, has been described by the chronicles of the order as "an outstanding piece of architectural work for its time." In 1903 the school included primary and secondary departments, a commercial course and a normal training course.

Not long after the academy was completed, plans were made to add a chapel onto the east side of the academy building. Wilson W. Hunt of Kansas City, Missouri, was the architect, and the Linnville Construction Company of Concordia was the contractor. The chapel portion was started in 1907 and completed in 1908. This project raised the total cost of the building to $208,802.

A recent addition known as Stafford Hall was constructed in 1968-1970.

The Nazareth Convent and Academy Building is an outstanding example of Ecclesiastical architecture designed in the Romanesque style. Its dominating tower and extensive stone trim make it one of the most impressive structures and a landmark in north central Kansas.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard Pankratz, Planner
Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka

STATE: Kansas 66612

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [x] Local [ ]

Name: Nyle H. Miller
Title: Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society
Date: June 19, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date