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 Keith Sebelius  
 Form 10-300  
 (July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Cloud	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

29-1120-010  
579/80

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Nazareth Convent and Academy

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
13th and Washington

CITY OR TOWN:  
Concordia

STATE: Kansas 66901      CODE: 20      COUNTY: Cloud      CODE: 029

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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:  
Nazareth Convent and Academy Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER:  
13th and Washington

CITY OR TOWN:  
Concordia

STATE: Kansas 66901      CODE: 20

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 66901      CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
NONE

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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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)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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 brick work on the tower, with corbels, multifaceted arches and recesses, completes the decor.

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

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3. SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1898-1903 (chapel addition-- 1907-1908)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> itarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>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.</p> <p>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 Linville 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.</p> <p>A recent addition known as Stafford Hall was constructed in 1968-1970.</p> <p>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.</p>			

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bollig, Richard Joseph, History of Catholic Education in Kansas, 1836-1932 (Washington, D. C., The Catholic University of America, 1933), p. 58.  
 Burroughs, George C., Concordia (Kansas City, The Bishop Press, 1909), p. 13.  
 Hollinbaugh, Mrs. E. F., Biographical History of Cloud County, Kansas (Logansport, Ind., Wilson, Humphry & Co., 1903), pp. 210-215.  
Nazareth Academy, Prospectus and Catalogue, 1907-1908 (Concordia, Kan., Daily Kansan Press, 1907), p. 1.  
 "The Nazareth Academy," The Concordia Press, May 27, 1915.  
Prairie Portrait--Centennial Book, Concordia, Kansas (n.p., 1971), pp. 32, 33.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		39	33	49
SW	° ' "	° ' "		97	39	38

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

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: Richard Pankratz, Planner  
Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: April 28, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

**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  Local

Name Nyle H. Miller  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Thirteenth Biennial Report of the Department of Public Instruction, State of Kansas, for the Years Ending June 30, 1901, and June 30, 1902 (Topeka, Kan., State Printer, 1902), p. 98. Thomas, Sister M. Evangeline, Footprints on the Frontier (Westminister, Maryland, The Newman Press, 1948), pp. 140, 141, 207, 208, 240, 337.