

Inventory Number 039-0000-001

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES--COVER SHEET

Name of Property Immaculate Conception Church

Location Main street  
(street and number)

Leoville, Kansas  
(city, town, or vicinity location)

(legal description)

Decatur  
(county)

Owner of Property Most Reverend Cyril J. Vogel, Bishop of Salina  
Diocese of Salina  
421 Country Club Road  
(street and number)  
PO Box 999  
Salina, Kansas 67401  
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review 6-30-79

date entered in National Register \_\_\_\_\_

Description: Immaculate Conception Church is a large brick structure with twin entrance-towers, gabled roof and flush gabled transepts. The plan is that of a latin cross. The building is trimmed in stone, the roof is covered with red tiles, and the towers are crowned with

Significance: The Immaculate Conception Church was constructed in 1922-23 by the Leoville parish. It reflects the taste for romanesque-inspired church design that has had a long tradition among Kansas Catholic parishes, but in a manner quite specifically of the 1920s.

Form prepared by Julie A. Wortman date 6-30-79

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on 6-30-79. I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Julie A. Wortman  
State Historic Preservation Officer

July 3, 1979  
Date

DESCRIPTION:

metal-sheathed domes. The chief alterations have been the installation of new narthex doors and the repainting, reflooring of the interior.

The design and detailing is Romanesque in reference.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The concern for building such a large church despite the comparatively small size of the parish probably stemmed from the great importance attached by the congregation to the institution of the church as a unifying and stabilizing basis of Leoville's community, as much as from the fact that at the time circumstances of prosperity and population warranted provision of a relatively commodious facility.

STATE: KS.  
 COUNTY: DECATUR  
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 ENTRY NUMBER: 12      DATE: 6-8-70

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**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

**1. NAME**  
 COMMON: LEOVILLE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH 1923  
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: MAIN STREET  
 CITY OR TOWN: LEOVILLE  
 STATE: KS.      CODE: 15      COUNTY: DECATUR      CODE: 039

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)                                                                                                                                                               | OWNERSHIP                                                                                                       | PUBLIC ACQUISITION                                                               | STATUS                                                                                                                                        | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|                                        |                                     |                                               |                                          |                                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious |                                          |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific           |                                          |                                   |

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
 OWNER'S NAME: LEOVILLE CATHOLIC PARISH  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: LEOVILLE      STATE: KS.      CODE: 039

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: DECATUR COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
 STREET AND NUMBER: PENN B HALL  
 CITY OR TOWN: OBBERLIN      STATE: KS.      CODE: 15

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: THE 60<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE - OBERLIN HERALD NEWSPAPER  
 DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal       State       County       Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: OBERLIN HERALD  
 STREET AND NUMBER: SOUTH PENN AVENUE  
 CITY OR TOWN: OBERLIN      STATE: KS.      CODE: 15

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: FOR NPS USE ONLY

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION (Check One)  
 Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

INTEGRITY (Check One)  
 Altered  Unaltered  Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

LENGTH 140' WIDTH 52' HEIGHT 97'


NUMBER OF STORIES \_\_\_\_\_ BASEMENT YES

EXTERIOR WALL MATERIAL AND COLOR  
HARVARD RUG MAT BRICK

ROOF FORM, MATERIAL AND COLOR  
SPANISH TILE

WINDOWS-MATERIAL AND FORM  
12" STAINED GLASS  
- EACH DEPICTS A SCENE IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST  
- ARCHED

DOORS-MATERIAL AND FORM  
WOOD

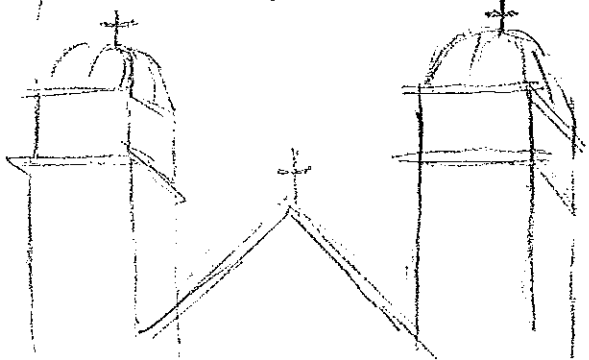
LINTELS  
BRICK (SOME WITH STONE ALSO) → 

SILLS  
STONE

EAVE AND CORNICE  
WOOD OVERHANG

MAJOR FEATURES  
 PORCHES, TOWERS, ENTRANCES, UNIQUE DETAILS, OTHER

TWIN TOWERS (SQUARE SHAPE)



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

|                                            |             |        |  |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--|
| 7.                                         | DESCRIPTION |        |  |
| PRESENT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE                |             |        |  |
| LENGTH                                     | WIDTH       | HEIGHT |  |
| 140'                                       | 52'         | 97'    |  |
| EXTERIOR WALL MATERIAL                     |             |        |  |
| ROOF MATERIAL AND FORM                     |             |        |  |
| SPANISH TILE                               |             |        |  |
| WINDOWS                                    |             |        |  |
| STAINED GLASS<br>ARCHED                    |             |        |  |
| DOORS                                      |             |        |  |
| WOOD - STAINED GLASS & ARCHED WINDOW ABOVE |             |        |  |
| LINTELS                                    |             |        |  |
| BRICK (SOME WITH STONE ABOVE)              |             |        |  |
| SILLS                                      |             |        |  |
| STONE                                      |             |        |  |
| REMARKS                                    |             |        |  |

7. DESCRIPTION

ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

IMPORTANT INTERIOR FEATURES  
(CEILINGS, STAIRS, FIREPLACES, OTHER)

- ENGINE ROOM
- CENTER CHAPEL

GENERAL REMARKS

SKETCHES (SHOW SHAPE, OLD AND NEW PARTS)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**B. 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) | 1922

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|                                         |                                       |                                                         |                                          |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 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/Philosophy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | Science <input type="checkbox"/>                        | _____                                    |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>                      | _____                                    |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>                        | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>                 | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     |                                                         |                                          |
|                                         | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                                         |                                          |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE OR INFLUENCE

MODIFIED ROMANESQUE

OUTSTANDING FEATURES

TWIN STEEPLE TOWERS

ORIGINAL USE

CHURCH

PRESENT USE

CHURCH

OTHER USES

\_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECT

MONT GREEN (OF MANHATTAN)

BUILDER

PARTIALLY BY PARISHONERS

REASONS FOR IMPORTANCE (EVENTS, DATES, PERSONAGES, OTHER)

BUILT WITHIN A YEAR OF 1ST (BEING BURNED DOWN IN 1922)

- 3 CHURCHES ON SAME SITE
- 1855 (FRAME - 18' x 20')
- 1915
- 1923

- BUILT IN REPLICA OF SEVERAL OTHER CHURCHES - SEVEN COLORS IN MANHATTAN

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

THE NORTHWEST KANSAS REGISTER (CATHOLIC MAGAZINE)  
 SUNDAY, JAN. 5, 1958

" " " " " "  
 FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1962

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |          |         |         | O<br>R  | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |         |         |         |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| CORNER                                                                           | LATITUDE |         |         |         | LONGITUDE                                                                                               |         |         |         |         |
|                                                                                  | Degrees  | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes                                                                                                 | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds |
| NW                                                                               | 0        | '       | "       | 0       | '                                                                                                       | "       | 0       | '       | "       |
| NE                                                                               | 0        | '       | "       | 0       | '                                                                                                       | "       | 0       | '       | "       |
| SE                                                                               | 0        | '       | "       | 0       | '                                                                                                       | "       | 0       | '       | "       |
| SW                                                                               | 0        | '       | "       | 0       | '                                                                                                       | "       | 0       | '       | "       |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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:  
 ALFRED F. ROHR

ORGANIZATION: STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATE: 6-3-70

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 10th & JACKSON

CITY OR TOWN: TOPEKA STATE: KS. CODE: 15

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS