REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES--COVER SHEET

Name of Property: Immaculate Conception Church

Location: Main street
Leoville, Kansas

Owner of Property: Most Reverend Cyril J. Vogel, Bishop of Salina
Diocese of Salina
421 Country Club Road
PO Box 999
Salina, Kansas 67401

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer: [Signature] Date: July 3, 1979.
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.
1. NAME
COMMON: LEOVILLE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: MAIN STREET
CITY OR TOWN: LEOVILLE
STATE: KS

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One) |
DISTRICT |
 SITE |
 OBJECT |

OWNERSHIP |
PUBLIC |
PRIVATE |
 both |

PUBLIC ACQUISITION: |
IN PROCESS |
BEING CONSIDERED |

STATUS |
OCCUPIED |
UNOCCUPIED |

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
Yes: |
Restricted |
Unrestricted |
No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) |
AGRICULTURAL |
COMMERCIAL |
EDUCATIONAL |
ENTERTAINMENT |
GOVERNMENT |
INDUSTRIAL |
MILITARY |
MUSEUM |
PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
RELIGIOUS |
RENAISSANCE |
SCIENTIFIC |
TRANSPORTATION |
OTHER (SPECIFY) |
COMMEND |

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: DECATOR COUNTY COURT HOUSE
STREET AND NUMBER: PENN HALL
CITY OR TOWN: OBERLIN
STATE: KS

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: THE (62) 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

**DESCRIPTION**

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**ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

**LENGTH** | 140' | **WIDTH** | 52' | **HEIGHT** | 37' |

**NUMBER OF STORIES**

**BASEMENT**

**EXTERIOR WALL MATERIAL AND COLOR**

- REVAUD RUG MATERIAL
- BRICK

**ROOF FORM, MATERIAL AND COLOR**

- SPANISH TILES

**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

- TWELVE TOWERS (SQUARE SHAPE)

![Diagram of twin towers with square shades]
### Present Physical Appearance

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**Exterior Wall Material**

**Roof Material and Form**

- Spanish Tile

**Windows**

- Stained Glass
- Arched

**Doors**

- Wood - Stained Glass + Arched Window Above

**Lintels**

- Brick (some with stone above)

**Sills**

- Stone

**Remarks**
### ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

**IMPORTANT INTERIOR FEATURES**

(ceilings, stairs, fireplaces, other)

- **ENGINE ROOM**
- **INTER. CHAPEL**

### GENERAL REMARKS


### SKETCHES (SHOW SHAPE, OLD AND NEW PARTS)
**SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century [X]

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric
- Historic
- Agriculture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communications
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Human
- Theater
- Transportation
- Other (Specify) ___________

**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 Parishioners

**REASONS FOR IMPORTANCE** (Events, Dates, Personages, Other)
- Built within a year of 1st (Having burned down in 1922)
- 3 churches on same site
  - 1855 (Frame - 18' x 20'
  - 1915
  - 1923
- Built in replica of several other churches
  - Seven Dolores 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
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY
OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

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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: HEFELD E. RODE
ORGANIZATION: STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 MT & JACKSON
CITY OR TOWN: TOPEKA
STATE: KS CODE: 18

DATE: 9-3-70

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 [ ]

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

Chiel, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date