

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	K-15-7 <sup>538</sup>

1. Town Fall River, Mass.  
 Address 34 St. Joseph's Street  
 Name Notre Dame School  
 Present use School  
 Present owner Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
 Staple to left side of form  
 Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Description: 3 story and basement  
 Date 1899  
 Source Bldg. Permit #301

Style Colonial Revival  
 Architect Louis G. Destremps  
 Exterior wall fabric brick w/granite and wood trim

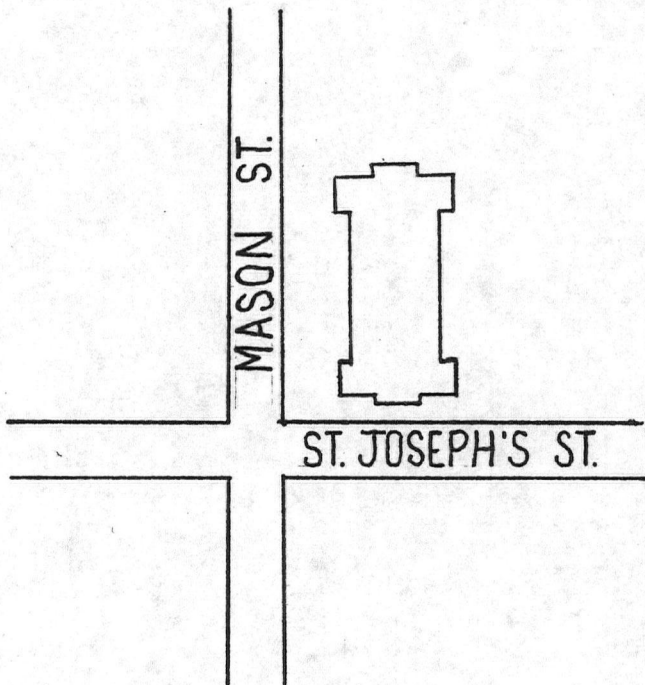
Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
full entablature w/  
 Other features brackets and dentils;  
granite sills & lintels; end wings  
blocked forward; recessed entry  
supported by Doric columns.

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 20,840 sq. ft.  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
at sidewalk

6. Recorded by P. Giza/P. Fox  
 Organization FROHP  
 Date Oct. 1, 1982

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



7. Original owner (if known) Notre Dame School

Original use parochial school

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	<u>  X  </u>	Religion	<u>  X  </u>
Architectural	<u>  X  </u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The beginnings of the Notre Dame school system date back to 1876, when a one-room classroom was organized in a home on Eastern Avenue. A year later, members of the religious order of Jesus and Mary arrived from Canada to take up and expand the teaching duties. Classes were held for the next two decades in the parish's first church, a wooden structure on the site of the present Mt. St. Joseph's School.

By 1898 larger quarters were needed and the parish set about construction of Notre Dame School.

Having successfully completed St. Joseph's Orphanage (1892) and Notre Dame Church (1894), Louis G. Destremps, a member of the parish & a Fall River architect who specialized in ecclesiastical work, was selected to design the new school.

The result is a large 3 story brick parochial school in the Colonial Revival style. Its full entablature is enhanced by small brackets and dentils. The central entrance is recessed with a covered entry supported by fluted Doric columns. The school opened in the fall of 1900 and was known at the time as Notre Dame College.

Notre Dame School remains a distinctive example of its style, notable for its brick construction and fine workmanship, and as such meets Criteria C of the National Register individually.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Atlas: 1895 - No school shown

Bldg. Dept.: - Rev. J.A. Prevost-Sept. 23, 1899-Permit #301-brick & stone-Bassett St. -school- 89½x135 - 3 stories-stone foundation-\$748,400

Water Dept.: - Notre Dame College-Sept. 29, 1899 - App. #7719

Fall River Herald News- Sept. 29, 1969 - clipping  
Nov. 22, 1976 - clipping

Fall River & Its Points of Interest - 1896 - pg. 35 name of architect

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Notre Dame School

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

62. Oak Grove Cemetery

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

63. Osborn Street School

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National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

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64. Picard, Israel, House

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National Register

for Keeper

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65. Pilgrim Mills

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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66. Pine Street School

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National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

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67. Pocasset Firehouse #7

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

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68. Prince Henry The Navigator  
(statue)

Substantive Review

Keeper

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69. Quequechan Club

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National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

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70. Quequechan Valley Mills  
Historic District

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BEFORE DAK GROVE

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Notre Dame School (Fall River MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84  
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/9/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 2/16/83  
 RETURN  
 REJECT

resubmission  
 nomination by person or local government  
 owner objection  
 appeal

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria ATC Accept  
Reviewer Mike [unclear]  
Discipline A.H.  
Date 2-16-84  
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use  
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  ruins  unexposed  
Check one  unaltered  altered  
Check one  original site  moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UMT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- Maps  
 Photographs  
 Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



INST. 5-13A  
NOTRE DAME SCHOOL  
34 ST. JOSEPH'S ST,

Fall River MRA, Ma

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279