

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Michigan	
COUNTY: Wayne	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MI 9.26.0049	DATE 9/3/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Saints Peter and Paul Church (Roman Catholic)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Saints Peter and Paul Church (Roman Catholic)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
629 East Jefferson Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Detroit

STATE: Michigan CODE: 26 COUNTY: Wayne CODE: 165

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 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:
University of Detroit

STREET AND NUMBER:
4001 McNichols

CITY OR TOWN: Detroit STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Wayne County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
101 City-County Building

CITY OR TOWN: Detroit STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Michigan Historical Commission Registered State Site No. 325

DATE OF SURVEY: January 23, 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Michigan Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
3405 North Logan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church is located on the northeast corner of Jefferson Avenue and St. Antoine Street. Designated by the Historic American Buildings Survey as an excellent example of post-Classical Roman architecture, the church is constructed of brick and painted gray. The building is 80 feet (three bays) by 137 feet (seven bays) and is 72 feet high. The brick walls are divided by thin Ionic pilasters; on the front is a central projection pedimented above a simple attic course. Basilican in style, the church has a slightly projecting central front tower terminating in a low square cupola with thin pilasters. The stone Ionic capitals are a notable feature of the edifice. There is a sheet-metal cornice, round arched windows, and an arched doorway framed by a pedimented Ionic frontispiece. There is a carved stone tympanum, narthex, three aisles covered by plaster barrel vaults, and a semi-circular apse. The original cupola has been replaced. The tall spire originally intended to form the central motif over the main entrance was never completed. The church seats one thousand and its original cost was \$30,000.

Many alterations have been made to the building through the years. In 1857 the bishop had the interior columns reduced to two-thirds of their original size and moved the pulpit from the center of the church to the altar rail. He also had the ceilings arched and decorated and replaced the old windows with stained glass. After the Jesuits took over in 1877, the interior got a face-lifting and began to look like it does today. Frescoes of the Twelve Apostles were painted on the domed ceiling. The door on the St. Antoine side was walled up, and two doors were cut into the wall facing Jefferson Avenue, one on each side of the main front entrance. In 1879 a chime of bells costing \$4,000 was donated to the church.

In 1882 a new side altar was installed. The church was renovated in 1892. This consisted of new doors, floors, pews, confessionals, a heating system, and electric lighting. In 1908 a high Carrara marble altar of ornate Renaissance design was donated to the church. The altar's marble niche holds sculptured groups, "Christ on the Cross" and "The Three Virgins." In 1916 the present marble pulpit and communion rail and new stained glass windows were installed. In 1917 improvements were undertaken which included a new doorway at the main entrance, new marble wainscoting in the body of the church, a new marble altar rail, new vestibules which departed in form from the old and which were lined full height with marble, and replacement of all the stained glass with commercial obscure glass.

Even though the thick gray paint is peeling from the old stone front, its walls are still plumb, its floors firm, and its marble and oak look very much as they did when they were put in place. Massive oak doors lead into the entry, which is blue veined white marble. The walls and pews are uncluttered. There are four holy water fonts at the rear of the church. The windows are high and unobtrusive, paned with amber glass. The eight confessionals and choir tribune are hand-carved.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <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 | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | 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

This plain Roman style building is the oldest extant church in Detroit that is still being used as a church, having been used as a place of worship for 121 years. It had the distinction of being studied by the Historic American Buildings Survey team in 1934.

The church was built during the tenure of Bishop Peter Paul Lefevre to serve as the Cathedral of the Detroit Diocese. Shortly after his consecration, Bishop Lefevre found himself in the embarrassing situation of trying to solve the financial difficulties his predecessor had incurred with the Corporation of St. Anne. He did so by rigid economy and subsidies from the German and French missionary societies. His experiences with the Corporation resulted in his determination not to be subject to lay control during his tenure as Bishop. Hence, he purchased a plot of ground on the northeast corner of Jefferson Avenue and St. Antoine Street and began the erection of a church and residence that would be completely free of lay control.

The church was designed by Francis Letourneau and Peter Kindenkens. Letourneau, a "boss builder" in Detroit in the 1830s, was a native of Mt. Clemens. He moved to Detroit in 1812 to learn the carpentry trade and to study architecture. He built the wooden dwelling of Thomas Palmer, which was at that time considered the best house in the city. He also built the Michigan Exchange Hotel, steamboats, several lighthouses, and superintended the building of Ft. Wayne.

Peter Kindenkens was a seminarian from the Diocese of Ghent, Belgium. Bishop Lefevre ordained him in September, 1842, and made him his vicar-general. Kindenkens also supervised the building of Saints Peter and Paul's.

Construction was slow because the Bishop paid cash for each stage built. The building of SS. Peter and Paul's was a step toward the abolition of trusteeism in the Detroit Diocese. The church was consecrated on June 29, 1848. The Rev. John Farnam was the first priest. Bishop Lefevre used the church as his cathedral until his death in 1869.

The Catholic church grew to such a size in Detroit that Bishop Borgess, Lefevre's successor, felt compelled to complement the parochial schools in the city with a Catholic college. He first approached the Basilian Fathers and offered them his cathedral parish to be used as a high school and

(continued)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farmer, Silas. The History of Detroit and Michigan. Detroit: Silas Farmer and Company, 1884.
 Ferry, W. Hawkins. The Buildings of Detroit, A History. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1968.
 Lesson, M.A.. A History of Macomb County. Chicago: M.A. Leeson and Company, 1882.
 Palmer, Friend. Early Days in Detroit. Detroit: Hunt and Jane, 1906.
 Paré, George. The Catholic Church in Detroit 1701-1888. Detroit: The Gabriel Richard Press, 1951.

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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		
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"		19'	54"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: two acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Constance Henslee, Assistant Historian

ORGANIZATION: Michigan Historical Commission DATE: May 27, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 3405 North Logan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

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: R.A. MacMillan
 Title: Director Dept. of Natural Resources
 Date: 6/18/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Greenlee
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: SEP 3 1971

ATTEST: William M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: JUN 30 1971

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4/18-77
JIM PETERSON

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE	
Michigan	
COUNTY	
Wayne	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71,926,0049	9/3/71

(Number all entries)

6. Representation in Existing Surveys (continued)

Historic American Buildings Survey
April 28, 1934 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. (11)

8. Statement of Significance (continued)

college for day students in the city. The Basilians were unable to undertake the project. The Bishop then propositioned the Jesuits, who accepted the undertaking. In June, 1877, the Jesuits took charge of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, and Bishop Borgess selected St. Aloysius' Church to serve as his temporary cathedral. In addition to renovating the interior, the Jesuits constructed two buildings adjacent to the church to be used as a day college.

In recent years, the congregation has dwindled. The neighborhood has changed from residential to commercial and is over-churched. In September, 1969, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit gave the Society of Jesus permission to close the church and use the building as the law library for the University of Detroit. The Detroit provincial headquarters is still considering the matter.

9. Major Bibliographical References (continued)

Emil Lorch Papers, Michigan Historical Commission.
Historic American Buildings Survey. SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Studied April 28, 1934.
"Roman Catholics in Detroit," Michigan Pioneer Collections, XIII (1888), 431-83.
Detroit Free Press, June 19, 1848; August 28, 1860; May 29, 1899; December 22, 1963; May 29, 1966; September 10, 1968; September 18, 1968; May 18, 1969.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RETURNED. DATE April 23, 1971

NAME OF PROPERTY Saints Peter & Paul Church

SIGNATURE

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form(s) is(are) being returned to your office because the information checked below is lacking or has been incorrectly supplied.

Insufficient locational information.

Comments:

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

Comments:

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

Comments:

No Bibliography.

Acresage of nomination not given.

Comments:

Longitude and latitude coordinates lacking, incorrect, or in wrong place.

Form is not signed by the State Liaison Officer (Item #12).

Photograph/map form(s) (16-301) required for each photograph/map.

Insufficient map coverage of property.

Comments:

Description (Item #1).

Comments:

XXX Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments: We question whether the statement of significance as it is now provides sufficient substantiation to satisfy our criteria for listing of religious properties, and suggest that a renomination stressing the building's architectural qualities would be advisable.

Xerox forms unacceptable.

Comments:

Other

Comments:

The inadequacies noted above must be rectified prior to the initiation of our professional review process. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily indicate that the nomination will then meet all other National Register criteria.

Thank you.

Wayne

Saints Peter and Paul Church
(Roman Catholic)

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3/8/71

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REGISTER NUMBER

71.9.26.0049 9/3/71

2-18-72

6/9/71 3/11/71

OK on re-sub
6/29/71
R.H.
Kunch
4/9/71

Not sure signif. as relig/philos. what about architecture?
(Map coord. very poor: I will check before list.)

I think we have criteria problems here sends a better non-religious arguments
can be made. 2/24/71 } form resubmitted with better non-relig. argument -

OK

57 Maxine
4/9/71

Ben raises a good point - I think the bldg. should qualify architec-
turally, both on its own merit and since it's probably one of the
few of its type left in Detroit; perhaps they should be asked to resubmit
statement of signif. on this basis. Chamber 4-14-71

OK

Chambers
8-29-71

OK Wm
4/30

OK
95-71
OK ED 4/20/71

1-4-72.



9/3/71
9/3/71

WORKING NUMBER

3.8.71. 8

2nd Return per HR letter of 6/15/71 (explaining why need SLO signature - see May 28 ltr from Chaput beneath)
Conference 4/21/71 (1st) send back per Ben + Al's comments for renomination (stressing architecture R.H.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE	
Michigan	
COUNTY	
Wayne	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.9.26.0049	9/3/71

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Saints Peter and Paul Church (Roman Catholic)			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Saints Peter and Paul Church (Roman Catholic)			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
629 East Jefferson Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Detroit			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Michigan	26	Wayne	163
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Michigan Historical Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: January 1971			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
Michigan Historical Commission			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Front faces south.			



Saints Peter and Paul Church (Roman Catholic)
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Jan 71

(Photo Date)

Wayne

(Co)

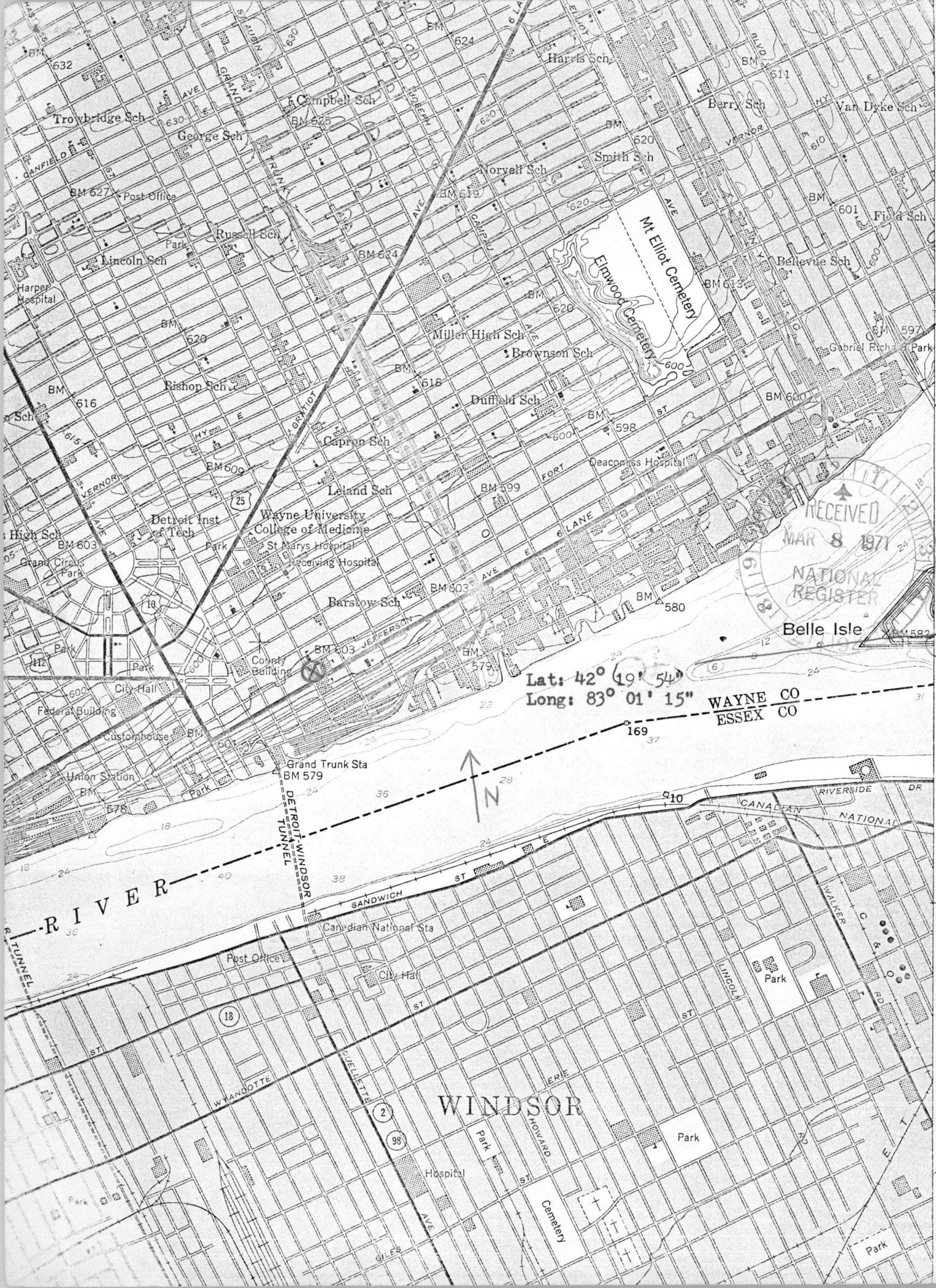
Mich. Historical Commission

(Loc. of Neg)

(Neg. No.)

SS Peter + Paul

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T. 2 S.
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MT. CLEMENS 22 MI.

310 000
FEET
BELLE ISLE 0.4 MI.

RECEIVED
MAR 8 1971
NATIONAL REGISTER

Lat: 42° 19' 54"
Long: 83° 01' 15"

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ESSEX CO

WINDSOR

(BELLE ISLE)

WINDSOR 5.9 MI.
LE RIVER 15 MI.

SOURCE: U.S.G.S., Detroit
SCALE: 1:24000
DATE: 1952

Form 10-301
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

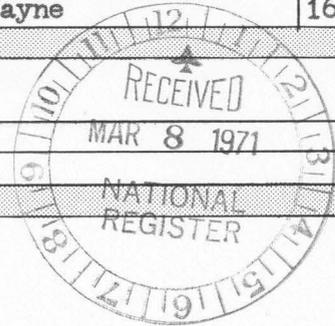
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE Michigan	
COUNTY Wayne	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.9, 26, 0049	DATE 9/3/71

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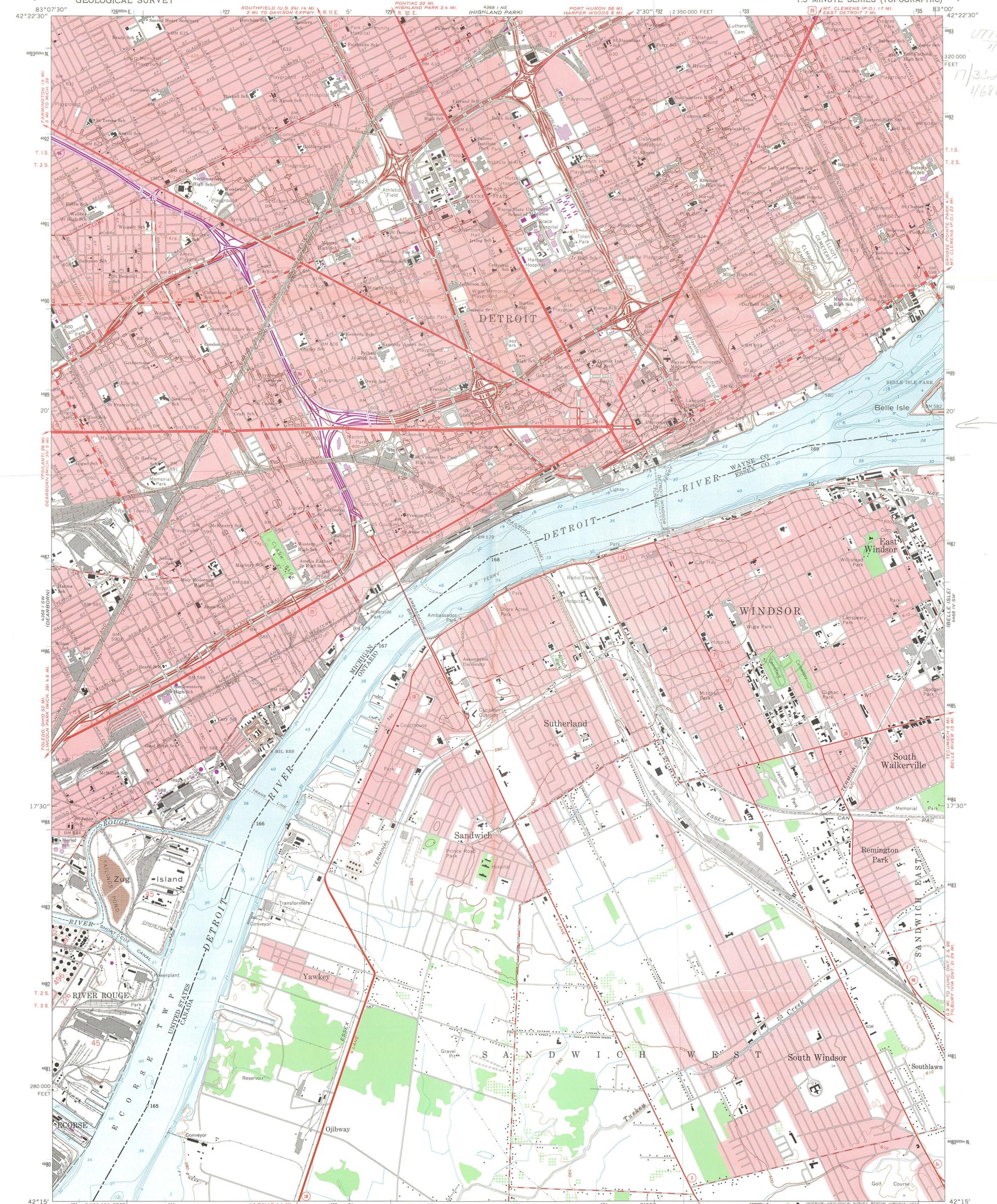
1. NAME			
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AND/OR HISTORIC: Saints Peter and Paul Church (Roman Catholic)			
2. LOCATION			
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CITY OR TOWN: Detroit			
STATE: Michigan	CODE 26	COUNTY: Wayne	CODE 163
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S., Detroit			
SCALE: 1:24000			
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4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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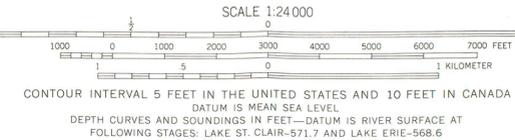
St. Paul's Church (Roman Catholic)
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DETROIT QUADRANGLE
MICHIGAN-ONTARIO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



UTM Ref
4-1977
17/332070
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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey in cooperation with State of Michigan agencies
Control by USGS, USC&GS, U. S. Lake Survey, and City of Detroit
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
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Canadian portion copied in part from Windsor quadrangle (1:25 000) 1960, Army Survey Establishment, R. C. E.
Selected hydrographic data compiled from U. S. Lake Survey Charts 41 and 412 (1966). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Michigan coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET IN THE UNITED STATES AND 10 FEET IN CANADA
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS RIVER SURFACE AT FOLLOWING STAGES: LAKE ST. CLAIR-571.7 AND LAKE ERIE-568.6



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

THE U. S. PORTION OF THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1973. This information not field checked. Canadian portion not revised

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1968
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STATE OF MICHIGAN



WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

STEVENS T. MASON BUILDING, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48926

RALPH A. MAC MULLAN, Director

March 2, 1971



Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
National Park Service
801 19th Street, N. W., Room 618
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed are sixteen (16) sets of nomination forms for the National Register of Historic Sites, as follows:

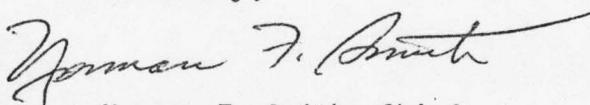
1. Fort Wayne, Wayne County.
2. A. P. Gardner Mansion, Calhoun County.
3. Pewabic Pottery, Wayne County.
4. Mathew Geary House, Mackinac County.
5. Grace Church, Hillsdale County.
6. Lasanen Site, Mackinac County.
7. Holtz Site, Antrim County.
8. Eaton County Courthouse, Eaton County.
9. SS. Peter and Paul Church, Wayne County.
10. Chippewa Hill, Gogebic County.
11. Hall-Fowler Memorial Memorial Library, Ionia County
12. Northville Historic District, Wayne County.
13. Summer Island Site, Delta County.
14. Bay Furnace, Alger County.

March 2, 1971

15. Clinton - Kalamazoo Canal, Macomb County.
16. Ann Arbor Railroad Station, Livingston County.

These sites have been approved by the Historic Preservation Advisory Council, and are herewith submitted for nomination to the National Register of Historic Sites by Dr. Ralph MacMullan, the State Liaison Officer.

Sincerely,



Norman F. Smith, Chief
Office of Planning Services
and
Chairman, Historic Preservation
Task Force

NFS:JAB:glc

Enc.

cc: D. Chaput
C. Cleland

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANSING, 48918
RICHARD H. AUSTIN SECRETARY OF STATE



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Director	

May 28, 1971

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed is a revision of the nomination for Saints Peter & Paul Church, Detroit. Also enclosed is your work sheet, dated April 23, 1971. You questioned whether or not the church was significant enough to merit listing on the National Register.

This puzzled us a bit, as the information we included in the original nomination was much stronger than that submitted with other nominations. It is the oldest extant church in Detroit still being used as a church; it was studied and highly praised by HABS in 1934; it served as the cathedral for the Diocese of Detroit for two decades. We hope the revised nomination answers most of your reservations.

Because this is a revision, we are bypassing the State Liaison Officer, who signed the original nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Chaput
Chief Historian

Still need
SLO sig - letter drafted to
explain
why

JUN 9 1971

The John M. Munson Michigan History Fund

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4/11/71*

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JUN 15 1971

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Mr. Donald Chaput
Chief Historian
Michigan Historical Commission
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Wayne Co.

Dear Mr. Chaput:

We have received your letter of May 28 accompanying the resubmission of the National Register nomination for Saints Peter & Paul Church.

We understand your interest in expediting the review of this property and thus bypassing the signature of the State Liaison Officer. However, if the resubmitted form is the submission of entry for this property, the Liaison Officer's signature must be affixed to the official record of the nomination. Authority to nominate historic sites is vested in the Liaison Officer only (unless he has redelegated this legal authority), and accordingly the official record to indicate his concurrence with these changes is not official unless he signs the form. We would be derelict in our responsibilities to the States by permissiveness in this area. An unsigned form would never stand up in court.

This is not because there is doubt that the Liaison Officer would concur with the adjustments to the nomination. It is rather to insure proper protection for the nomination. In a previous case where a Register site was involved in Supreme Court litigation, opposing counsel capitalized on a technical deficiency of this nature to the severe detriment of the position of the National Park Service and to the preservation of the property.

There is a second unrelated matter for which we ask your help. On the map the latitude coordinate for the property would seem inaccurate in that a 20' marginal reference appears at the right border on virtually the same plane. We would appreciate your checking the references and adjusting them as necessary. Also, a portion of a full quadrant map is acceptable, but it should be cut out and copied in such a way as to retain a good number of marginal and corner latitude and longitude references printed by the manufacturer like the 20' one appearing on this map. These references permit us to check the coordinates of the property. As we approach automation of property locational data we will be conducting a check of all property coordinates. Until very

recently we have reluctantly settled for random spot checking of coordinates on incoming submissions due to time and personnel limitations and the increasing flow of nominations. Needless to say, we have been somewhat jolted by the high incidence of coordinate error in State submissions since initiating our practice of comprehensive checking. Computer read-outs will provide full identification of the locations of historic sites within a threatened area. This will be enormously helpful, but an error in coordinate data will mean that a property is not correctly represented in the overview of the region that the read-out will provide.

We hope these comments will help you to appreciate our reasons for insisting on points that may seem of little consequence on the surface. In actuality, the matter of documented State Liaison Officer approval of nominations and of precise coordinate references loom as two of the most critical factors in the protection of National Register properties.

Thank you for your patience and your help.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Murtagh

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National
Register

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Ralph A. MacMullan, Director, Department of Natural Resources, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan 48926 w/cy. inc.

Director, Northeast Region w/cy. inc/

TI-w/cy. inc.

HR-w/cy. inc.

PDHerrick:mmm

6/11/71

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

*Note - original in coming is
with HR copy.*

STATE OF MICHIGAN



WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

STEVENS T. MASON BUILDING, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48926

RALPH A. MAC MULLAN, Director

June 24, 1971

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
National Park Service
801 19th Street, N. W., Room 618
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed are three (3) sets of renomination forms for the National Register of Historic Sites, as follows:

1. Saints Peter and Paul Church (Roman Catholic), Wayne County.
2. Vermontville Church, Eaton County.
3. Vermontville Chapel, Eaton County.

These sites have been approved by the Historic Preservation Advisory Council, and are herewith resubmitted for nomination to the National Register of Historic Sites by Dr. Ralph MacMullan, the State Liaison Officer.

Sincerely,

Norman F. Smith, Chief
Office of Planning Services
and
Chairman, Historic Preservation
Task Force

NFS:JAB:glc
Enc.
cc: D. Chaput
C. Cleland

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MICHIGAN

Date Entered SEP 3 1971

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bay Furnace	Alger County, Michigan
Summer Island Site	Delta County Fairbanks Township, Michigan
Jackson Mine	Marquette County Negaunee, Michigan
Pewabic Pottery	Wayne County Detroit, Michigan
Fort Street Presbyterian Church	Wayne County Detroit, Michigan
Smiley Brothers Music Company	Wayne County Detroit, Michigan
↳ Saints Peter and Paul Church (Roman Catholic)	Wayne County Detroit, Michigan
Lapeer County Courthouse	Lapeer County Lapeer, Michigan
First Presbyterian Church of Blissfield	Lenawee County Blissfield, Michigan
<u>Also Notified</u>	
Hon. Philip A. Hart	State Liaison Officer
Hon. Robert P. Griffin	Mr. Samuel Milstein
Hon. Philip E. Ruppe	Deputy Director
Hon. Charles C. Diggs, Jr.	Recreation Department of Natural
Hon. Donald W. Riegler, Jr.	Resources
Hon. Marvin L. Esch	Mason Building
Director, Northeast Region	Lansing, Michigan 48926

↳ HR

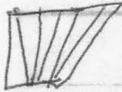
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OF CALL

TO:



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anyone

OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL -- PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. FTS

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

violates

interior of

building

MESSAGE

re: tearing apart.

*Detroit Mich. Wm. Link
(313) 881-0894*

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Property - ...

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historical *new law*

*Sts
Peter & Paul
Detroit, Mich.*

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property - grounds

TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: STS PETER + PAUL CHURCH

TO/FROM: Mrs Wm KLINK / LOU

DATE: 10/30/78

ADDRESS: Detroit Michigan

PHONE: (313) 881-0894

STAFF MEMBER: Lou Cipro

DIVISION: ~~NR~~ NR

REPORT:

They were going to tear down. This lady called Dr. ~~Mott~~ Murfaugh + supposedly had it saved.
201.4 x 160 ft w/ a chapel + rectory

Rectory - ~~take over by~~ U of Detroit under a trust

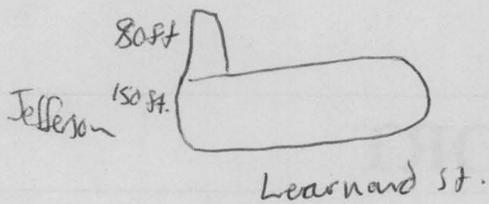
- Pres. of Univ. + Pastor (same man) Father McNichols signed it over to Univ.

- Jesuits have been trying to

- Renaissance Center

- only church not under Arch Diocese

consequently
there are no



Renaissance Center - they want to extend it
all the way up to the church 4 blocks

2 more towers right across from Church

Renaissance Center ^{wants} chapel + church for parking lot
change furnishings etc.?

1) "

2) do they have the right to change the
chapel into offices (or something else)?

2 copies latest law 1976 - takes care of 1/4 side

2 copies 1966

Mr. Richard J. Sullivan ^{Esq.} Atty
409 Griswold Corner of W. Jefferson
Detroit, Michigan 482(21?)

Mrs Wm E. Klink
Box 15180

Fox Creek Sta, E. Jefferson Ave, Detroit
48215

FIELD REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT:

CONTACT:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

REPORT:

DATE:

- 1) What property(s) are listed?
- 2) Is Ren Cen using any Federal Money?
- 3) Is Ren Cen buys + destroys chapel, Tax Act won't hurt them
- 4) no Federal laws prohibit changing interior

If - they plan to put a parking lot.
- But if they plan to build, they will lose money due to their loss of accelerating depreciation
- They can use the building for offices, etc

Plans Donna Williams 2-1