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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Sacred Heart Cathedral and Cathedral School

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 211 West Fourth Street & 206 West Fourth Street N/A not for publication

city, town Duluth N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Minnesota code 22 county St. Louis code 137

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Sacred Heart Parish

street & number 211 West Fourth Street

city, town Duluth N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 55802

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis County Courthouse - Register of Deeds

street & number Fifth Avenue West and First Street

city, town Duluth state Minnesota 55802

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Duluth Historic Resources Survey has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date 1984 ___ federal ___ state ___ county local

depository for survey records Northeast Minnesota Historical Center -- University of Minnesota, Duluth

city, town Duluth state Minnesota 55812

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Sacred Heart Cathedral is a prominent landmark of Duluth's central hillside, overlooking the central business district and the harbor. It is also one of the city's best remaining examples of late Gothic Revival Style religious architecture. Its tall central spire flanked by matching small spires, pointed arch window and door openings, buttressed walls, monochromatic appearance, window tracery and beautiful stained glass windows, mark it as a good example of late Gothic religious architecture.

The exterior of the church has remained relatively intact except for reroofing and entry remodeling. In 1905 the original sacristy was enlarged, and a new pipe organ and marble altar were installed. In 1965 other alterations were made to the sanctuary and the altar. This remodeling work included the installation of ceiling and wall insulation and paneling that covered some of the original woodwork and ornately painted walls and ceiling. Nevertheless, Sacred Heart still retains much of its overall architectural beauty and visual impact as a local landmark.

Immediately across West Fourth Street from Sacred Heart Cathedral is the red brick Cathedral Grade School (now Sacred Heart School). It is a rectangular structure executed in a Craftsman variant on the Gothic mode (although early accounts describe the style as "Spanish"). Occupying a sloping corner site, the building is two and one half stories in height on the principal (street) facade and three stories in height at the rear. It measures 150 feet by 75 feet in plan.

The school was erected in 1904 according to designs by Duluth architects I. Vernon Hill and W.T. Bray, and supervised during construction by the Right Reverend James McGolrick. On the principal facade, the design is purely symmetrical, with corners anchored by coped-gable pavilions. The centrally positioned entry consists of an ornately embellished portal (perhaps this is reason for allusion to "Spanish" design) with a double Gothic arch surmounted by a statuary niche. The central bay rises to a termination of a coped-gable with ball finials and is highlighted by multipaned windows in groupings of three per floor. The roof is a low hip with prominently projecting eaves supported by "craftsman" brackets and rafter-tails. The exterior retains total design integrity.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Cathedral: 1896
 School: 1904 **Builder/Architect** Cathedral: Gearhard A. Tenbusch
 School: L. Vernon Hill & W.T. Bray

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Sacred Heart Cathedral, located in Duluth and built in 1896, is architecturally significant as a successful, late Gothic Revival inspired church designed by Duluth architect Gearhard A. Tenbusch. The cathedral is also significant as the historical seat of authority of the Diocese of Duluth from its construction in 1896 until 1957, when a new cathedral was built. Cathedral School significantly represents the efforts of the Catholic Church to provide quality religious-based education for the families of its congregation.

In an apostolic letter dated 3 October 1889, Pope Leo XIII communicated his decision that 39,439 square miles of the territory known as the Vicariate of Northern Minnesota was to be established as a separate and autonomous diocese with its see located in Duluth.¹ The designation of the Diocese of Duluth marked a culmination of nearly three decades of growth which began with the arrival of Father John Cebal in 1860. For the next ten years, he traversed his parish, which included the area located between northwest Wisconsin and Duluth. Services in Duluth were held in temporary quarters until July of 1870, when lots were obtained from the Western Land Association. Work commenced on land located at 2nd Avenue West and 4th Street from which a 70 x 35 foot frame church which cost the few dozen families which comprised the congregation \$7,000. The church's interior was described to have few furnishings; the sacristy was small, the altar quite beautiful, but the organ was poor. Nonetheless, it represented the first permanent Catholic Church structure in a community whose total population numbered less than 1,300. Concurrently, Catholic education, an important element in the church, began with religious instruction conducted on Sunday afternoons. During the pastorate of Father Genin, Mother Scholastica Kent, prioress of the Benedictine community at St. Joseph, Minnesota, sent five sisters to start a school in Duluth for the Sacred Heart Congregation. On January 15th, 1881, when school opened, 150 students began classes in a converted carriage shop. It was known immediately that the facility was too small; the school closed at the end of school term and did not resume until 1883 when a two room school, dedicated to St. Thomas, was erected.

When the Diocese of Duluth was created in 1889, James McGolrick was installed as Bishop and the plain wooden church was designated the Pro-Cathedral, but in July of 1892 fire destroyed the structure. Immediately a committee formed to discuss means to build a new church. Despite an economic depression, a successful call went out for a general collection, insurance proceeds were added and Architect Gearhard Tenbusch and contractor W.M. Lavanway were retained to design and construct the church. The corner stone was laid 15 July 1894 and the Cathedral was officially dedicated 26 July 1896 in ceremonies attended by Archbishop John Ireland and church dignitaries from numerous cities.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Duluth

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification Cathedral: Lot 33 and the easterly 25 Ft. of Lot 35, Duluth Proper 1st Division, West 4th Street. School: Lots 34, 36, 38 and 40; excluding the southerly 25 Ft. of Lots 34 and 36, Duluth Proper 1st Division, West 4th Street.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Jay Baago and Lawrence Sommer	Additional information provided by State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota
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organization	St. Louis County Historical Society	Historical Society
		date July 15, 1984

street & number	506 West Michigan Street	telephone	218-722-8011
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city or town	Duluth	state	Minnesota 55802
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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature	<i>Russell W. Fridley</i>
title	Russell W. Fridley State Historic Preservation Officer
date	5/26/86

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>J. Selores Byen</i>	Entered in the National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date 6-26-86
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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In 1904, further construction included the Cathedral School built across the street from the Cathedral. Built by Contractor Edward Jackson, the school featured ten class rooms, an auditorium with seating for 1,200, and meeting halls.

Within the Diocese of Duluth, the Sacred Heart Cathedral and School historically represent the work and organization of the diocesan body which, at its formation, began with 32 parishes, which, over the years, have doubled in number. The diocese has promoted the establishment of religious orders in the city which established a school of nursing, an orphanage, college, homes for the aged, additional schools for elementary and secondary education, and the construction of additional parishes for an expanding Catholic population.

Within the Province of St. Paul (including the states of Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota), Sacred Heart Cathedral is one of the earliest surviving cathedrals built expressly to represent the religious/spiritual authority of the Catholic Church.

¹The Diocese of Duluth can trace its origin in Minnesota to the establishment of the Catholic Church in St. Paul, which in 1850 was established as a Diocese. On 4 May 1888, the Diocese of St. Paul became the Province of St. Paul, the thirteenth Province established in the United States. It was formed by detaching Minnesota and the territory of Dakota from the Province of Milwaukee. At this time the Vicariate of Northern Minnesota, established in 1875, and the Vicariate of Dakota, established in 1879, were designated suffragan churches of the Archdiocese of St. Paul. Seventeen months after the Province of St. Paul was created, five new dioceses were created by the Pope at the request of Archbishop John Ireland. New sees were formed in Minnesota by partitioning the Vicariate of Northern Minnesota between the Dioceses of St. Cloud and Duluth and by removing from the Archdiocese of St. Paul the southern tier of counties across the state to make the Diocese of Winona. The state of South Dakota, admitted to the Union on 2 November 1889, became the territory of the newly created Diocese of Sioux Falls. North Dakota, made a state that same year, was designated to the territory of the Diocese of Jamestown (later changed to the Diocese of Fargo in 1897). Three more suffragan sees were established in the Province of St. Paul. The Diocese of Lead was created in 1902; it was replaced by Rapid City in 1930. Bismarck was designated the see of a new diocese that comprised the western half of North Dakota in 1909. In that same year, the northwestern corner of Minnesota was removed from the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Duluth by the creation of the Diocese of Crookston. The final change in diocesan boundaries was made in 1957 when a large portion of the western part of the Archdiocese of St. Paul was taken to be designated to the area of the new Diocese of New Ulm.

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