

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story with hip roof. Concrete steps, diminishing in size, with wrought iron railing lead to a stoop with brick half-wall. Aluminum screen door over front door paneled with fan light. Directly above door is a overdoor gable with raking cornice set on surface of wall. Front door is set into shallow projecting two story pavilion. Pavilion has a low pitch gable roof with fascia boards. Upper section of pavilion has a large cross mounted on the wall and framed by a brick blind arch. Concrete stoop on east elevation leads to aluminum screen door and panel door with fan light. Sloping metal canopy above door. Concrete foundation pierced by regularly spaced basement windows. Majority of windows are metal sash, one-over-one, regularly spaced with brick sills. Four large and two small windows with brick arches appear on the first floor in the south side of the east elevation. These windows are metal casement, small amber panes with leaded frames. Light red brick siding. Dark red brick window sills. Dark red brick water table with row of alternating light and dark brick headers above. This alternation of colored brick also is used for the arched border in second story above both doors. Dark brown composition shingle roof with boxed eaves. Square brick chimney on south elevation. A wood frame, one story shed roof addition on south elevation has ribbons of metal sash windows, one-over-one. Flush metal door. Dark stained simple drop siding. Light brown composition shingle roof with boxed eaves. A broad cross gable is in the center of shed roof. A short, gabled wing projects from the west front of addition. This area is enclosed by a chain link fence covered with vinyl strips. Along the entire west elevation is a broad shed roof veranda, supported by full height squared posts.

Landscaped with grass lawn. A few small shrubs line the concrete walk leading to the north entrance.

PHOTOGRAPHS (include photographs showing each side of building and any associated buildings)

Film roll no.: 32
Negative no.: 16

Photographer: Carolyn Howard
Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Re-roofed from wood shingles to asphalt shingles, date undetermined. Addition between 10 and twenty years old. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): According to a church history published in 1984, St. Joseph's Sisters Home was completed in 1950 at a cost of \$65,000. It included accommodations for 12 nuns, a chapel, a dining room, community room, and a parlor.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories. Museum of Western Colorado Research Library, "St. Joseph's Catholic Church: The First 100 Years," 1984.

SIGNIFICANCE (check appropriate categories)

Architectural significance:
 represents the work of a master
 possess high artistic value
 represents a type, period, or method of construction

Historical significance:
 associated with significant person(s)
 associated with significant event
 associated with a pattern of events
 contributes to an historic district

National Register eligibility:
 Individual yes no
 Criteria: A B C D
 Area(s) of significance: Architecture

Contributes to a potential district:
 yes no
 District name:

Period of significance: 1950

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This building was the convent for the nuns who taught at St. Joseph's Catholic School. A chapel is on the first floor. A few nuns still live here; but there are also apartments for priests from the church across the street. The addition at the rear is for serving meals to the poor. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

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