

Church of the Immaculate Conception
132 Baronne Street
New Orleans
Orleans Parish
Louisiana

HABS No. LA-1147

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Louisiana	COUNTY Orleans Parish	TOWN OR VICINITY New Orleans
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Church of the Immaculate Conception	HABS NO. LA-1147
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)
132 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1851-1857	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Rev John Cambiaso & T.E. Giraud
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SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)
This is the first church in the world said to be officially dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. It is notable for its elaborate cast-iron details and Moorish style characteristics.

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Moorish style

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)
Brick, limestone, terra cotta trim, cast iron

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)
stories, rectangular

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE
Horseshoe arches, characteristic of the Moorish style; towers with onion domes

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)
Cast-iron columns and pews, gilt bronze altar, green and marble materials on first floor, Hispanic-Moresque motifs, stained glass

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES
1927-1930 The church was rebuilt following the original plans.
(Architects: Wogan, Bernard and Toledano)

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE
Used as a church and school

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE
The church standing today is a replica of the original built in the 1850's.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)
New Orleans Architecture Vol. II., Christovich, Holden, Swanson, Toledano, (ed.), Gretna. Louisiana, Pelican Publishing Co., 1972; New Orleans City Guide., Works Progress Administration, Boston: Houghton Mifflin, Co., 1952.

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