

Heritage Designation Brief

Mount St. Joseph

1545 Monaghan Road



Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee

December 2008

HERITAGE DESIGNATION STATUS SHEET

Street Address: 1545 Monaghan Road

Roll Number: 020130002000000

PIN Number: 280630108

Short Legal Description: PT LT 12 CON 13 (NORTH MONAGHAN), AS IN Q2167, Q9730 & Q4244; LTS 1 TO 9 PL 7Q (NORTH MONAGHAN); LYING E OF PT 1 45R7803, EXCEPT PTS 1 & 2 45R7174, PTS 1, 2, 4 & 5 45R8856 & PTS 7 & 8 45R3089; S/T R525784, R546220 & R546219; EXCEPT T/W IN Q9730 & Q8148

Names of Owners: THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH. IN ONTARIO

Owners' Mailing Address: PO Box 566
1545 Monaghan Road
Peterborough, ON K9J 6Z6

Owners' Concurrence: Unknown

PACAC Application Review Date: April 2006

On Site Evaluation Date: June 13, 2005

Evaluation Category: A

Evaluators: Katie Nice, Sue Schappert

Heritage Type: Built Heritage

Designation Type: Ontario Heritage Act – Part IV

Designation Brief Completion Date: August 2005

PACAC Application Approval Date: May 2006

Designation Brief Completed by: Katie Nice, edited by Susan Schappert and Jennifer Patterson

Submission Date: December 2008

Objections Noted:
Comments:

"The short statement of the reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the Heritage Designation Report constitute the "Reasons for the Designation" required under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Heritage Designation Report is available for viewing in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours."

SHORT STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Heritage Evaluation Criteria Note: *Category A: The properties in this category are individually outstanding and have the broadest heritage significance in the City by virtue of architectural, historical, and environmental criteria along with overall integrity of design and construction. "Category A" properties generally hold provincial and/or national significance.*



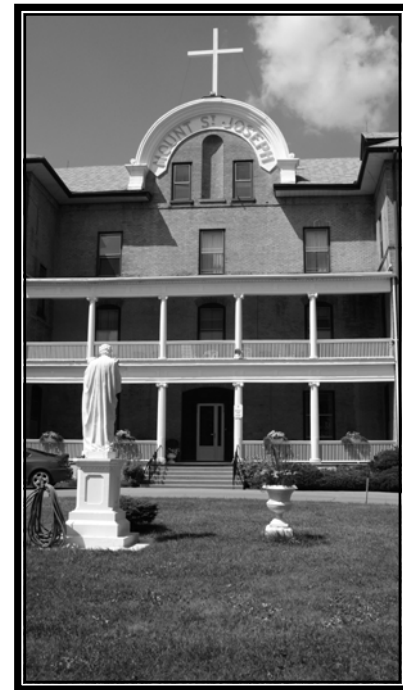
Mount St. Joseph has historical value as the first convent motherhouse in Peterborough, and also the fourth motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph to be established in Canada.

The first congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Peterborough area arrived in the 1890's with the task of

administering St. Joseph's Hospital. Proper residential facilities were needed in Peterborough and the Sisters subsequently bought a farmhouse, Inglewood, and its ten-acre property in 1894 for the sum of \$ 6,350.00. Originally the home of David G Halton, local police magistrate in the late 1860s, Inglewood was put up for sale by Halton, and was the home of the Sherwood family of Peterborough until 1893.

Mount St. Joseph has historical value through the activities of the Sisters of St. Joseph who lived and worked at the Mount while integrating themselves into the medical and educational communities of Peterborough. Of especial value is their work with St. Joseph's Hospital and the Peterborough Separate School Board.

The Sisters of St. Joseph administered the operation of the former St. Joseph's Hospital from 1890 to 1988. When St. Joseph's Hospital was established it was the only local area hospital willing to take Catholic patients. In 1906 the Sisters of St. Joseph



opened a nursing school at St. Joseph's Hospital, which became one of the foremost nurse training schools in the area. The Sisters of St. Joseph have seen St. Joseph's Hospital through many times of crisis in the Peterborough community, including the Quaker Oats Fire of 1916 and the Spanish Influenza outbreak of 1918.

The Sisters of St. Joseph is also a teaching order, and the Sisters taught at many elementary and secondary schools in the separate school board until the late 1970s. They have also operated two schools, St. Mary's, a day and boarding school, and St. Cecilia's Music Centre. The Sisters of St. Joseph have continued to provide private academic and musical tutoring at Mount St. Joseph since 1970.



Mount St. Joseph is a good example of a combination of vernacular and ecclesiastical convent architecture in Peterborough. Since the Sisters of St. Joseph took possession of Inglewood and its surrounding property, the building has been renovated five times: in 1904, 1911, 1933, 1952 and 1967. The original Inglewood farmhouse that now makes up the core of Mount St. Joseph has been altered as ecclesiastical architectural elements have been introduced into the design. Highlights of the building include the 1911 addition of a corner domed tower. The rare Classical Revival porch added on to the northern wing and

Inglewood core facades are essential to the heritage character of the building. The building also contains Gothic Revival stained glass windows in the chapel.



Mount St. Joseph has good contextual value in its prominent presence on the northern Monaghan Road landscape. The buildings occupy fifteen landscaped acres at the corner of McDonnel

Street and Monaghan Road. The winding front driveway is lined with eighteen sugar and silver maple trees. The front lawn has a cedar privacy hedge that stretches from the driveway to the southern end of the property at Woodland Street.



Mount St. Joseph has been a private home, a Motherhouse, a teaching centre and a spiritual retreat during its lifetime. The building is physical evidence of the historical importance of the Sisters of St. Joseph to Peterborough. Mount St. Joseph is an interesting example of the combination of vernacular and ecclesiastical architecture, and the tree-

lined grounds and winding driveway emphasize its prominence in the local landscape.

ORIGINAL OWNER: David G. Halton

ARCHITECT: unknown

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1869

BUILDER: unknown

CONTEXT- SITE AND SETTING:



Mount St. Joseph is located west of Monaghan Road at the corner of McDonnell and Monaghan Road. It is situated between Woodland Street and Middleton Drive. Just west of Bonner-Worth Park, Mount St. Joseph is located on fifteen acres that border on to the St. Peter's Secondary School property.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof including all facades, entrances, windows, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, brick, stone, plaster parging, metal and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features:

Exterior Elements:

- Original buff brick exterior walls of Inglewood, and subsequent buildings and additions dating from 1904, 1911 and 1933
- Corner tower with rounded top dome
- All fenestration, including
 - Decorative brickwork surrounds, some with rounded tops and/or quoins
 - Any remaining original windows
 - All arched top stained glass windows in the auditorium and chapel wings
 - All dormer windows, including any remaining decorative brackets
- The two-storey Classical Revival porch on the Inglewood and northern wing facades, including:
 - Railings
 - Ionic columns
- All roofs, including:
 - Hip roof on main building and chapel
 - Gabled wall dormers
 - Eaves and fascia
- Original “Inglewood” double transom doorway



Carriage House

- Red brick exterior walls
- Gable roof with front wall gable
- Original fenestration, including:
 - 6 over 6 sash windows
 - Garage entrance
 - Doorways with semi-elliptical tops



Interior Elements:

- All decorative ceilings, including:
 - Tin ceilings
 - Oak ceiling in the Spirituality Centre meeting room
- All transom doorways in the Inglewood and Northern wings
- Open oak staircase with newel posts in the Inglewood wing.
- Inglewood wing entrance-way with dentil crown mouldings
- Palladian stained glass window
- All French Ornate radiators
- All marble fireplaces
- All decorative work in the chapel including stained glass, columns, and woodwork etc.
- All decorative moulding in the auditorium

