

# Architectural Inventory Form

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Official eligibility determination  
(OAHP use only)

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- Determined Eligible- NR  
 Determined Not Eligible- NR  
 Determined Eligible- SR  
 Determined Not Eligible- SR  
 Need Data  
 Contributes to eligible NR District  
 Noncontributing to eligible NR District

## I. IDENTIFICATION

- Resource number: 5PT.113.20
- Temporary resource number: 533.EMA
- County: Pitkin
- City: Aspen
- Historic building name: St. Mary's Church
- Current building name: same
- Building address: 533 E Main Street Aspen Colorado 81611
- Owner name and address: Archdiocese of Denver 1300 S Steele Street Denver Colorado 80210

## II. Geographic Information

- P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 84 West  
SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 7
- UTM reference  
Zone 13 ; 343095 mE 4339240 mN
- USGS quad name: Aspen Quadrangle  
Year: 1960, Photo Rev. 1987 Map scale: 7.5' X 15' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.
- Lot(s): Lots A-I Block: 93  
Addition: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Addition: \_\_\_\_\_
- Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lots A-I, Block 93 of the City and Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number 273707331801.  
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

## III. Architectural Description

- Building plan (footprint, shape) Rectangular Plan
- Dimensions in feet: Length \_\_\_\_\_ x Width \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of stories: 2
- Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick
- Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Hipped Roof
- Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Metal
- Special features (enter all that apply): Segmental arch windows, Stained glass, Tower

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21. General architectural description: A substantial two story structure constructed of brick and local sandstone. Arched windows with sandstone details and stained glass. Belltower towards north end of building. Brick buttresses run along the east and west sides of the structure and divide the building into seven bays. Covered entry on north side, elevator tower on west side.
22. Architectural style/building type: Late Victorian
23. Landscaping or special setting features: Mature cottonwood street trees
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: Associated with St. Mary's Rectory, on western end of property.

#### IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate \_\_\_\_ Actual 1891  
Source of information: Aspen Times Daily
26. Architect: Unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
28. Original owner: Catholic Church  
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):  
Brick chimney, date unknown, front entry foyer, extending into sidewalk, elevator tower- early 1990's. Plexiglass installed over stained glass windows.
30. Original location  Moved  Date of move(s): \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Religion, Church
32. Intermediate use(s): \_\_\_\_\_
33. Current use(s): Religion, Church
34. Site type(s): Commercial District
35. Historical background: Built in 1891 to replace an earlier wood frame building located on Lot E of the same block. Completed at a cost of \$18,000, the building included red oak pews from Grand Rapids Iowa, two gothic windows, portraits of St. Francis and St. Edward in stained glass, and the bell, which weighs 2,000 pounds.
36. Sources of information: Pitkin County Courthouse records; Sanborn and Sons Insurance Maps; 1990 and 1980 City of Aspen Survey of Historic Sites and Structures

#### VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: Yes  No  Date of designation: Ord. 77, 1981

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Designating authority: Aspen City Council

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual)
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture

40. Period of significance: Late 1800's Silver Mining Era

41. Level of significance: National  State  Local

42. Statement of significance: This building is one of two 19<sup>th</sup> century churches remaining in Aspen.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Building is in good condition. Alterations do not compromise its historic integrity.

#### VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible  Not Eligible  Need Data

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No

Discuss: Lies within a locally designated historic district.

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing  Noncontributing

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing  Noncontributing

#### VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: R8, F4-6 Negatives filed at: Aspen/Pitkin Community Development Dept.

48. Report title: City of Aspen 2000 Update of Survey of Historic Sites and Structures

49. Date(s): 8/2000 50. Recorder(s): Suzannah Reid and Patrick Duffield

51. Organization: Reid Architects

52. Address: 412 North Mill Street, PO Box 1303, Aspen CO 81612

53. Phone number(s): 970 920 9225

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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