

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Sacred Heart School  
716 A Ave  
Lake Oswego, Clackamas County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: <u>716 A Ave</u> <input type="checkbox"/> apprx. addr	historic name: <u>Sacred Heart School</u>
<u>Lake Oswego</u> <input type="checkbox"/> vcnt <u>Clackamas County</u>	current/ other names: <u>Our Lady of the Lake School</u>
Optional Information assoc addresses: (former addresses, intersections, etc.)  location descr: (remote sites)	block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: <u>8700</u> township: <u>2 S</u> range: <u>1E</u> section: <u>08</u> 1/4: <u>CD</u> zip: <u>97034</u>

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: <u>Building</u> height (# stories): <u>1.5</u>	total # eligible resources: <u>1</u> total # ineligible resources: <u>0</u>
elig. evaluation: <u>eligible/contributing</u>	NR status: _____ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)
primary constr date: <u>1942</u> (c.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> secondary date: _____ (c.) <input type="checkbox"/> (optional--use for major addns)	NR date listed: _____
primary orig use: <u>School</u>	orig use comments: _____
secondary orig use: _____	
primary style: <u>Northwest Regional</u>	prim style comments: _____
secondary style: _____	sec style comments: _____
primary siding: <u>Standard Brick</u>	siding comments: _____
secondary siding: <u>Wood Sheet</u>	
plan type: <u>Modern School</u>	architect: <u>Pietro Belluschi</u>
	builder: <u>H. J. Settergren</u>
comments/notes: <b>Roof Type/Material: hipped/composite; gable/composite</b> <b>Window Type/Material: casement &amp; fixed pane/wood</b>  <b>Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Added Wheelchair ramp to front of School/2003;</b> <b>Classroom Addition/1980 (Zaik/Miller Architects)</b>	

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name	<u>Historic Survey and Inventory 2009-2010 2010</u>	<u>Survey &amp; Inventory Project</u>
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farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_ external site #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ID# used in city/agency database)

### SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_  
ILS survey date: 3/26/2010  
RLS survey date: 1/25/2010  
Gen File date: \_\_\_\_\_

106 Project(s)



Looking south at north facade

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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

The Lady of the Lake School is located at the western edge of Lake Oswego's commercial core and is surrounded by a residential district on the north, south, and east. A Avenue, the sidewalk, and a front lawn area lie alongside the (front) north façade, a parking area, a green space, and Evergreen Road abuts the southern façade, the eastern façade is lined by a parking area separating the school from faculty housing, and the western façade has a pedestrian area dividing the school and the Lady of the Lake Church. The school shares its lot with the Lady of the Lake Church. The school's portion of the lot is well landscaped with a variety of trees, shrubs, perimeter plantings, and lawn areas.

Constructed in 1941-1942, the Lady of the Lake School is an L-shaped building. The first floor of the building has a moderately hipped roof, which is intersected by the set back second story penthouse, which has a gable roof. The first floor of the building is clad in brick laid in common bond. The inset street level entryway is centered on the front (north) façade and the door is flanked on both sides by banks of vertically aligned, multi-lighted, wood framed windows. The bottom-most section is filled with a solid composite material, the second section, (in most cases), has a clear wavy, textured glass pane, the third and fourth (and in some cases fifth) panes are clear glass, and the uppermost portion is a casement window. Above the center double-doors is a concrete section with the words "Our Lady of the Lake School" and "716 A Avenue."

The west façade of the building has two banks of multi-paned, wood framed windows. Both the uppermost and the lowest of the window rows appear to be casement windows. The three center rows appear to be fixed pane. The façade steps back halfway down the school's length, giving the building its L-shape.

A clerestory row of windows sits on the first story roof and wraps around the east and west facades a short distance. The clerestory windows project out approximately 6'0"- 8'0" feet from the wall of the second floor. The second story is clad in a vertical board. On the front (north) façade a large round window is centered in the gable end. A ribbon of windows runs the length of the second story along both the east and west façades. A square brick chimney projects from the northeastern section of the roof.

The buildings two story addition is connected to the south (rear) façade. The addition is clad in vertical board.

## HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

Our Lady of the Lake (Catholic) Church formed in 1888 at the home of Mrs. John Watters. The congregation's first church building, then called Sacred Heart Catholic Church, was constructed in 1900 in First Addition (on the corner of First Street and E Avenue). In 1937, the small church was enlarged to accommodate 40 more parishioners and one year later, to encourage continued growth of the congregation, a school was opened in the parish house. Father Joseph Vanderbeck (who was known as Father Van by most of his parishioners) was appointed by the Archbishop to start a school in Oswego. He first took over the summer school, but held off another year to begin an eight grade school, as there were not quite enough students. Just one year later, on Tuesday September 6th, a small four-room school was opened year round in the small parish house next to the church.

The school was extremely successful and a new building was planned for the students on 7th and A street. Although restrictions were in place during World War II, the new school building was completed, on schedule, in 1942. It is believed that Father Van was able to overcome the wartime building restrictions because the lot, and many of the contracts, had been purchased or put in place before the United States entered the war.

It appears Pietro Belluschi was the architect of record for both the initial portion of the school and the expansion. Belluschi is one of Portland's most famous modern architects most well known for his National Register Listed Equitable Building, one of the first glass towers ever constructed in the United States. The contractor for the initial portion of the Sacred Heart School was H. J. Settergren. The school building was a brick, one-story, L-shaped building that was constructed "so that additions could be added as needed." The original portion of the building had "four classrooms, library, office, and a Sisters' dining room and facilities." The total cost for the first phase of construction was \$27,000. Archbishop Howard dedicated the building on April 19, 1942. In 1950, a gymnasium, two classrooms, and the cafeteria were added to provide more room for the growing student body. This addition cost \$86,000. Zaik/Miller Architects designed the addition.

The Lake Oswego Our Lady of the Lake School retains a high degree of integrity and is a good example of modern school architecture in Lake Oswego. The building would certainly be eligible for the Lake Oswego Landmarks list and may be eligible for National Register listing for its association with Pietro Belluschi one of the area's most notable architects.

## RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps             | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources        | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obituaries    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers       | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library                   |   |

Local Library: Lake Oswego Public Library University Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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Our Lady of the Lake School Website. "History of the School" (Accessed January 22, 2010) <http://www.ollschool-lakeoswego.org/History.aspx>

Father Ted Weber, et all. The Centennial History Committee. 1890-1990: A History of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Oswego Oregon.

Lake Oswego Permit Files. City of Lake Oswego. 719 A Avenue, drawings and plans. Long range planning department.



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A AVENUE

8TH STREET

OUR LADY OF THE  
LAKE CHURCH

OUR LADY OF THE  
LAKE CONVENT



716 A AVENUE  
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL  
LAKE OSWEGO OR, 97034  
SCALE: NONE

EVERGREEN ROAD