



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2181
2. **NAME** *Sacred Heart Catholic Group, Highgate (1899; 1914; 1923; 1933; 1937; 1971; 1977/1978)*
OTHER NAMES Monastery of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Sacred Heart Primary School, Sacred Heart College
Sacred Heart Catholic Church & Church Hall
Sacred Heart Convent and School
3. **LOCATION** 40 - 42 Mary Street, Highgate
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Lot 24 on Deposited Plan 26565 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 92 Folio 56.
 2. Lot 64 on Deposited Plan 42775 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2598 Folio 632.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Vincent
6. **OWNER AT PERMANENT**
 1. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Perth
 2. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 24/11/2000
Permanent Entry 28/08/2001
Amended Entry 15/05/2012
 - National Trust Classification: Classified as group
 - Town Planning Scheme: 12/09/2006
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 27/11/1995
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION 38 OR 59 OF THE ACT**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Sacred Heart Catholic Group, Highgate, comprising Sacred Heart Catholic Church (1906, 1928, 1954), Sacred Heart Church Hall (1938), the Monastery of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (1899; 1923; 1933; 1937), Sacred Heart Primary

School (1914), forecourt and Moreton Bay figs to the Church, gardens, shelters, and boundary walls, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the buildings, grounds and boundary walls of the place collectively form an important precinct of ecclesiastical buildings dating from the turn of the twentieth century;

the place housed the Order of Our Lady of the Missions' first Australian branch and school, established at the site in 1897, and illustrates the Order's commitment to the education of children in Western Australia and to other forms of pastoral care;

the place was founded as a result of efforts from the late 1890s by local Catholics to establish a Catholic Church and School in the area as the State's population boomed, and is representative of the development of Catholic Education in Western Australia;

the Monastery of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is an excellent example of a large, well composed convent school building featuring elements from the Federation Free and Inter-War Gothic styles;

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is an excellent example of a substantial stone church in the Federation Gothic style;

the place, including the simple, formally planned garden entry to the convent and Moreton Bay figs in the Mary Street forecourt of the Church, is a significant streetscape element on Mary and Harold Streets in Highgate;

the place is representative of a convent and school built c. 1900 and illustrates the principal characteristics and planning of this type of ecclesiastical complex;

Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Primary School were designed by prominent architect Richard Dennehy, the original Convent and School buildings were designed by Edgar Henderson, and the 1923, 1933 and 1937 additions to the Convent and School, the 1954 extensions to the Church, and the 1938 Hall were designed by his son Edgar Le B Henderson;

the Sacred Heart Primary School (1914) is the only known example in the State of a parish owned school located in the inner city, which dates from the early twentieth century and still functions for its intended purpose;

constructed in 1923, the Chapel was the first in Australia dedicated to the 'Little Flower', the venerable Sister Teresa of the Child Jesus;

the place is highly valued by the school community, past and present students and teachers, and the Sacred Heart parish; and,

Sacred Heart Catholic Church was one of the first Catholic churches in the State to implement changes resulting from liturgical practices recommended by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) including modifying the sanctuary to accommodate liturgical changes.