



**HERITAGE
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Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0461
2. **NAME** *Church of St Mary Star of the Sea Group, Carnarvon (1910+)*
OTHER NAME St Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Presbytery & School
3. **LOCATION** 21 Johnston Street, Carnarvon
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 337 on Deposited Plan 222239 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 179 Folio: 126.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Carnarvon
6. **OWNER** Roman Catholic Bishop of Geraldton
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim registration 27/02/2004
Permanent registration 17/02/2006
 - National Trust Classification: Church - Classified 27/05/1974
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Church - Adopted 24/01/1996
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Church of St Mary Star of the Sea Group, Carnarvon, comprising former Presbytery (1910) showing influences of Victorian Georgian style, St Mary's School Hall (1928) with influences of Interwar Free Classical style, and Church of St Mary Star of the Sea (1935) exhibiting influences of Interwar Romanesque style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the Church is a landmark religious streetscape to Rushton Street, demonstrated by the visual impact of the prominent church tower and the design form and detail of the Church of St Mary Star of the Sea;

the Church was designed by acclaimed architect and priest, Monsignor John Cyril Hawes, is an excellent example of Hawes' distinctive and somewhat eclectic ecclesiastical design and is relatively rare as a building, designed by Hawes, constructed of concrete blocks;

the Church displays a high degree of artistic and technical sophistication, both internally and externally, and exhibits a well resolved combination of architectural, symbolic and artistic motifs;

the Church is a notable example of the innovative use of building materials and techniques to suit local conditions:

the place has significant religious and educational associations for both the Carnarvon district in particular and the State in general; and,

the place is associated with the important priest architect Monsignor Hawes, Archdeacon John McKay (1930-1969) who instigated the construction of the Church, and the Presentation Sisters teaching Order.

While the Catholic religious and educational functions of the entire site are significant, the existing fabric of St Mary's Convent and St Mary's School is of little significance. The Presbytery (fmr) and Hall have significance for their role in supporting the landmark quality of the church.