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COMMON NAME: Church of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church

HISTORIC NAME: Church of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church

ADDRESS: 0501 Bedford Drive N.

PARCEL NUMBER: 4345-026-005

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1924

ORIGINAL OWNER: Right Reverend John J. Cantwell, Bishop of the Catholic Doecese of Los Angeles and San Diego.

ARCHITECT: Donnellan; James

BUILDER: Bonas Bros.

DESCRIPTION:

Rather more Mission Revival than Spanish in its massing and simplicity, the Church of the Good Shepherd occupies the northwest corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Bedford Tiled gable roofs, anchored by twin bell towers at the south end, cap the stucco-sheathed structure. Rising to a height of five stories in three increments, the towers are buttressed, pierced by flat- and round-headed openings, and surmounted by metallic domes and crosses. The towers frame a three-bay arcade with a tiled hood; carved wooden doors and tympanae are set into the arches. Above the entry in the gable end a tripartite stained glass window originally was embellished with Baroque ornamentation. The detailing was removed during a major renovation in 1959; pinnacles on the towers were also removed at that time. Eight buttressed bays containing single round-headed windows and a secondary door define the aisle elevations; paired openings appear in the nave wall above the aisles. An apse terminates the north end of the sanctuary. Lined by an arcade, a two story residence, also remodelled, is adjacent to the church.

