

FILE NO. 90-84-4

ORDINANCE NO. 38384

(Landmarks)

DESIGNATING THE NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES CHURCH AND RECTORY AS A LANDMARK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE.

Be it Ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that Notre Dame des Victoires Church and Rectory located at 564-566 Bush Street, Lots 12 and 24 in Assessor's Block 271, has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of, and conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the City Planning Code.

(a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code, Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, Notre Dame des Victoires Church and Rectory located at 564-566 Bush Street is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolution No. 9915 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-84-4.

(b) Required Data. The description of the location and boundaries of the Landmark site, of the characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation, and of the particular features that should be preserved as included in the said Resolution, are incorporated in this designating ordinance as though fully set forth.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
George Agnost
City Attorney

RECOMMENDED:
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By Samuel L. Chen
Deputy City Attorney

By Dean L. Macris
Dean L. Macris
Director of Planning

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Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

Passed for Second Reading

August 27, 1984

Ayes: Supervisors Hongisto Kennedy
Kopp Maher Molinari Nelder Renne
Walker Ward

Noes: Supervisor/ Britt

Absent: Supervisor/ Silver

§ Finally Passed

§ September 4, 1984

§ Ayes: Supervisors Hongisto Kennedy
Kopp Molinari Nelder Renne Walker

§ Absent: Supervisors Britt Maher
Silver Ward

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was finally passed by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

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Date Approved

Clerk

Mayor

SAN FRANCISCO

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO.9915

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Notre Dame des Victoires Church and Rectory at 564-566 Bush Street as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on August 3, 1983, and said Advisory Board, after due consideration, has recommended approval of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission, after due notice given, held a public hearing on January 12, 1984 to consider the proposed designation and the report of said Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, The Commission believes that the proposed Landmark has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value; and that the proposed designation would be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes and standards of the said Article 10;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First, the proposal to designate the aforementioned structure, Notre Dame des Victoires Church and Rectory at 564-566 Bush Street, as a Landmark pursuant to Article 10 of the City Planning Code is hereby APPROVED, the precise location and boundaries of the Landmark site being those of Lots 12 and 24 in Assessor's Block 269;

Second, That the special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said Landmark justifying its designation are set forth in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution 269 as adopted on August 8, 1983 which Resolution is incorporated herein and made a part thereof as though fully set forth;

Third, That the said Landmark should be preserved generally in all of its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof and described and depicted in the photographs, case report and other material on file in the Department of City Planning Docket No. 83.375L;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby directs its Secretary to transmit the proposal for designation, with a copy of this Resolution, to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission on January 12, 1984.

Lee Woods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Bierman, Karasick, Klein, Nakashima, Rosenblatt and Wright

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Salazar

PASSED: January 12, 1984

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BUILDING NAME: Notre Dame des Victoires
Church & Rectory

BUILDING ADDRESS: 564 & 566 Bush Street

ORIGINAL USE: Church & office

CURRENT USE: Church & office

OWNER: Archdiocese of San Francisco

BLOCK & LOT: 271/12 & 24 ZONING: C-3-G

NO. OF STORIES: 3

LPAB VOTE: 7-0

EXTERIOR MATERIALS: 564 Brick & Terra cotta
566 Brick & artificial stone

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(Describe special CHARACTER, or special HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL or AESTHETIC interest or value:) Significant as one of San Francisco's early ethnic congregations, Notre Dame de Victoires has been known as the "French Church" since 1856 when Gustav Touchard bought the site from a Baptist Church. In 1885, Archbishop Riordan (see landmark No. 151, Archbishops Mansion) gave the church to the Marist Fathers. The 1906 earthquake and fire destroyed the church building. However, the congregation rebuilt on the same site. The current church features a base with double stairways leading to a stained glass enclosed porch with a rounded bay above flanked by belvedere topped twin towers. The rectory exhibits a dormered tile roof, rusticated base and arch headed windows. The centennial of the founding of the church is commemorated by a plaque given by the Republic of France in 1956.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. ARCHITECTURE

1. Style: Church - Romanesque; Rectory - Renaissance / Baroque
2. Construction Type: Brick
3. Construction Date: 1913
4. Design Quality: (LPAB ONLY)
5. Architect: Church - Louis Brochoud; Rectory - unknown
6. Interior Quality: (LPAB ONLY)
(Publicly owned buildings)

B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons:
8. Events: A center for events within the French community.
9. Patterns of history:
(cultural, social, political, military, economic or industrial) The history of this church reflects the role of the French - American community in the development of the city. (over)

C. ENVIRONMENT

(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: The church remains an active parish, open to the public daily.
11. Setting: Buildings on north side of Bush are of a scale comparable to the church; the more densely developed Financial District is to the east.
12. Importance as a Visual Landmark: By its distinctive ecclesiastical architecture, a familiar and conspicuous structure in its neighborhood.

D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical conditions) None or minor on both buildings.

RATINGS

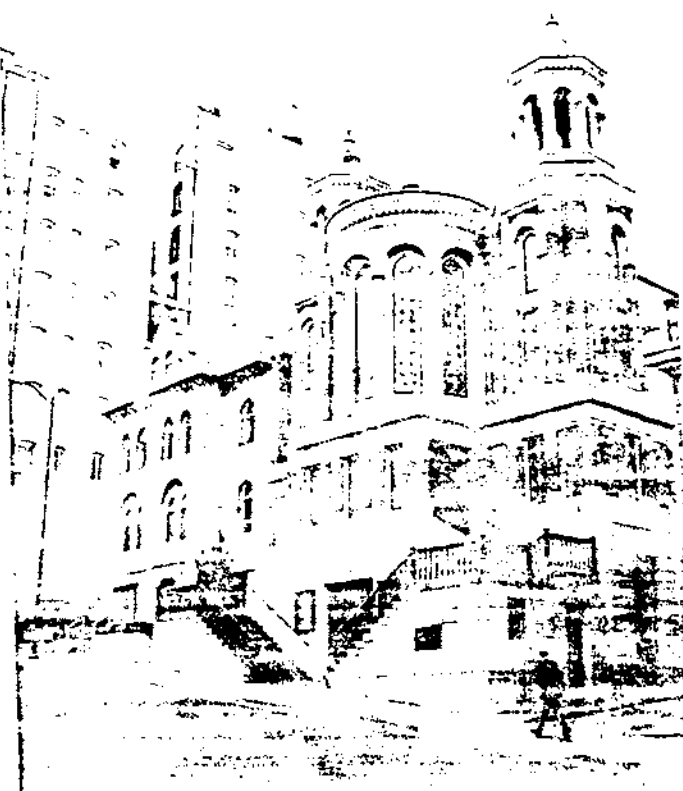
DCP: 564 Bush:3
HERE TODAY: Featured, p.74
SPLENDID SURV.: Extended Survey 564-A; 566-B
NAT'L REGISTER: Probably eligible
NAT'L LANDMARK: -
STATE LANDMARK: -

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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August 3, 1983

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9. Patterns of History (Cont'd)

Pere (Father) Langlois journeyed to Oregon in 1842 with French Canadian trappers under the auspices of the Hudson Bay Company. He arrived in San Francisco in 1848. On July 19 of that year, he celebrated mass in an army chapel which was called St. Francis Church, the first San Francisco church (as opposed to mission?). He was assisted by Pere Lebre, with sermons delivered in French, Italian and Spanish.

On May 4, 1856 the French Church became Notre Dame des Victoire with Mgr. Alemany, Archbishop of California, officiating. This structure was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire. Services were reinstituted in temporary quarters on October 6, 1907 until work on the existing edifice began in 1912.

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