



PROPOSED LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT SCHOOL IN NORTH FAIRMOUNT

Equitable Growth and Housing Committee
January 30, 2024

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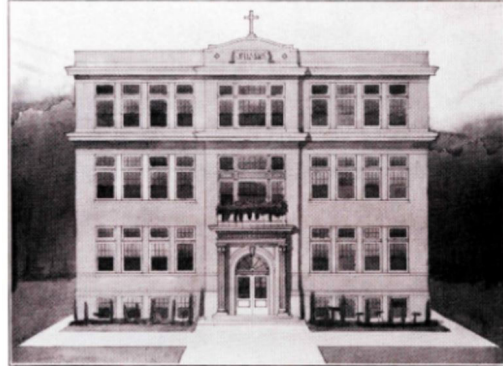


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St. Leo The Great School Building

Criterion 1: Historic Significance

- Example of the outward spread of German Catholics in Cincinnati in the late 1800's-early 1900's.
- St. Leo The Great parish was one of the first German Catholic schools in North Fairmount in 1886.
- Represents history of social and education activities of the expanding German Catholic Population



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Criterion 3: Italian Renaissance Revival

- Designed by John Clifford Grunkemeyer
- Symmetrical façade
- Prominent projecting entryway with Doric columns and stone entablature
- Arched entry door
- Stone belt courses above 2nd and 3rd stories



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Public Comment and Notification

Notification – Staff Conference, HCB Meeting, and CPC Meeting

- Mailed notification to applicant, the North Fairmount Community Council, and property owners within 400-feet

Joint Virtual Public Staff Conference – November 21, 2023

- Applicants, City staff, and one member from the public was in attendance

Historic Conservation Board Public Hearing – December 4, 2023

- One member of applicant team spoke in support
- No other correspondence
- HCB recommended approval

City Planning Commission – January 5, 2024

- Recommended approval

Consistency with Plans

Plan Cincinnati (2012)

Sustain Initiative Area

Goal: “Preserve our natural and built environment”

Cincinnati Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan (2014)

Within a housing rehab and infill target area.

Community Focus Area Strategy: “neighborhood revitalization must occur through small, targeted catalytic investment areas,” one of four focus areas is around St. Leo Church

Recommendation

The City Planning Commission recommends that City Council take the following actions:

- 1. APPROVE** the proposed designation of St. Leo The Great School Building as a Local Historic Landmark at 2569 St. Leo Place in North Fairmount under Criteria 1 and 3 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code (§1435-07-1a); and
- 2. ADOPT** the conservation guidelines.