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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 166  
TECUMSEH ROAD WEST  
IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, ON M7A 2R9



TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings known municipally as 166 Tecumseh Road West (Part Park Lot 16, part closed Tecumseh Road, Plan 609 and Part 1 on Plan 12R10542), Windsor, a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act:

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:**

**Historical**

- Third home of the St. Clare Parish – the sixth Catholic parish established in Windsor on June 26, 1924.
- Construction began on November 10, 1930 and on June 13, 1931 the building was blessed and dedicated for divine worship. The first Mass was held for the 315 families in the parish on June 14, 1931.
- Was threatened with demolition in the late 1990s due to declining members. Purchased in 2000 by St. Peter's Maronite Catholic Church – which had outgrown its building at 879 Parent.

**Architectural**

- Designed by renowned local architect Albert H. Lothian – who designed the church, rectory and everything found within – from the light sconces to the painted Stations of the Cross and pews.
- Windsor's most outstanding Art Deco Style building—believed to be the only Art Deco church of its kind in Canada.
- Exterior of buff-coloured brick cladding with intricate jagged patterns, coped with aluminum – broken by angular projections with pale stained glass windows.
- Recessed main portal that replicates the form of the altar niche and embraces a traditional terra cotta figure of St. Clare.
- Aluminum clad spire topped with a cross of the same material. The upper section is made for a Carillon of bells, the lower part, houses the machinery for the Wurlitzer organ.
- Interior layout focuses attention on the high altar, with clusters of pews radiating on three axes from the altar.
- The main altar is made of a large stone supported by six carved stone pillars. It stands in a geometrically recessed niche of Aztec inspiration.
- Other unusual interior features include the central ceiling light fixture high above the nave, stained glass leaded windows, non-figural cruciform clerestory windows, altar rail of wrought iron capped with aluminum, decorative iron grille in a Calvary Cross pattern which separates the Winter Chapel from the nave, pillars with segmental columns that taper from top to bottom.
- Adjacent two storey rectory of same design and materials as church, has gable roof and three-sided brick portico on east façade. Upper windows are double hung 6/6 with intricate brick surrounds. Sets of three narrow windows flank the east portico.

Any person may, within 30 days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Windsor notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at Windsor, Ontario this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2000.  
Brenda Andreatta, Deputy Clerk, City Hall, Windsor, Ontario

  
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