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### **St. Mary of the Angels Church and Monastery Placed on the State Register of Historic Places**

Green Bay, Wis. - The Wisconsin Historical Society placed the St. Mary of the Angels Church and Monastery (Green Bay, Brown County) on the State Register of Historic Places on November 30, 2018.

St. Mary of the Angels Church and Monastery was designed by architect William E. Reynolds and completed in 1903. The attached church and monastery were erected by the parish of St. Mary of the Angels in partnership with the Polish Franciscan Fathers. The building represents the successful establishment of a Polish Catholic Church in Green Bay following a thirty-year struggle by the community to gain sufficient financial stability to maintain a parish distinct from the German Catholic parishes in the vicinity.

St. Mary of the Angels Church and Monastery represents a distinct interpretation of the Gothic Revival style through its incorporation of soaring Gothic motifs within a simplified, heavy composition with monumental entryways and rough-hewn stone walls. The Gothic Revival style is reflected in the building's series of tall, narrow pointed-arch windows; pointed-arch dormers, coves, and entrances; stained-glass windows with tracery and smaller art-glass windows, tall battered buttresses, steeply-pitched roof lines, and monumental steeple with octagonal spire and triangular helms with stone crosses.

The State Register is Wisconsin's official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage. The State Historic Preservation Office at the Wisconsin Historical Society administers both the State Register and National Register in Wisconsin.

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