



## 15. Gravelbourg Religious Complex - Main Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East

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The Gravelbourg religious complex remains a testament to the faith and perseverance of early residents in the Gravelbourg area.

Although its role in the community is less apparent today, Gravelbourg's religious roots are well demonstrated in the Gravelbourg Religious Complex, designated as a National Historic Site in 1995. This includes the Co-Cathedral, Bishop's Residence and the Convent of Jesus and Mary.



Our Lady of the Assumption  
Co-Cathedral

### **Our Lady of Assumption Roman Catholic Co-Cathedral**

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The Co-Cathedral, built in 1919, is a nationally renowned landmark. Monsignor Charles Maillard, the resident priest, designed the interior of the cathedral and painted the extensive murals between 1921 and 1931. Monsignor Maillard embellished the church with scenes from the Old and New Testament of the Bible. He focused on illustrating the four following levels: the sins of the world; the fourteen Stations of the Cross; the life and death of St. Philomena and all aspects above the life and death of St. Philomena. Visitors will be amazed at the well-preserved conditions of the paintings.

All stained glass found in the building came from France and the Bishop's Chair dates back to the 17th century. Once used by Italian Royalty, the Bishop's Chair was brought to Canada by the Order of Jesus-Mary. Originally named the church of St. Philomena, it was changed to Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral in 1965 as at this time St. Philomena was denounced as a saint when they could not find her corpse in the catacombs. This building has been a "Co-Cathedral" since the Diocese of Gravelbourg amalgamated with the Diocese of Regina in 1998. Previously it had the status of a Cathedral. Guided tours of the Co-Cathedral are conducted during the summer months and a souvenir booklet is available for purchase at various outlets within the community.



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Bishop's Residence

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Situated adjacent to the Co-Cathedral, this beautiful residence was the home of the Bishop of the Dioceses of Gravelbourg from 1930 to 1998. The first Bishop was Rodrigue Villeneuve who later became a Cardinal in the Province of Quebec.

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