

United States Department of the Interior
 National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Chapel and Cemetery

Other names/site number: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 8011 Kamehameha V Hwy.

City or town: Kaluaaha State: Hawaii County: Maui

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this ___ nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide ___ local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D

<p>_____ Signature of certifying official/Title:</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
<p>_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>	

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In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

State or Federal agency/bureau
or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public -- Local
- Public -- State
- Public -- Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site

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Structure

Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion: Chapel

Funerary: Cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion: Chapel

Funerary: Cemetery

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Gothic Revival

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Our Lady ~~nd~~ of Seven Sorrows chapel and cemetery is a site located in Kaluaaha, on the topside of the island of Molokai and situated on several aCRES OF LAND on the north side of the only road to the east end of the island, approximately 14.5 miles east of the main village of Kaunakakai along the southeastern shoreline of Molokai. Since the chapel's construction in 1874, the grounds have been used for worship, burying the dead, as a residence for the priest, and as a shrine for visitors. Since its construction in 1874, it has been in continuous use. Built by Father Joseph Damien de Veuster, SS.CC., a priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC.) who served in the Kingdom of Hawaii from 1864 through 1889, and local volunteer labor, with materials donated by the Sacred Hearts Order and donors, the chapel was built in the Gothic Revival style popular at the time to serve the local area as a house of worship. The cemetery was probably in use from the time the chapel was built, although it ~~is~~ also may have been a burial ground before that time. A rectory and cookhouse and possibly a school were built on the site around the same time as the chapel by Father Damien and helpers, however, these no longer exist. There are just a few ruins. Some of the chapel is original, dating from the time of Father Damien, such as three altars and the tabernacle and possibly the altar railing, used by Father Damien, which are

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still standing. Repair and reconstructive work has been done to much of the chapel within the past 70 years, ~~xxxx~~ Probably, 40-50% of the chapel remains original, however. The cemetery has around 80 marked graves, with another 40 or so possible unmarked graves. The earliest marked grave is around 1903, but many burials may have been done well before that date. The cemetery is maintained by family members and volunteers. Some notable descendants of Molokai families are buried there, including a man, Andrew Poaha, who helped Father Damien build the chapel as well as help him down at the leper settlement as his right-hand man. Also, the descendant of the captain of the Portuguese schooner that served Molokai for many years. The setting of the grounds is quite beautiful, peaceful and rustic. An ancient fishpond exists across the road from the site. A view of the ocean as well as the mountains can be found from the site. Rock walls that probably pre-date the chapel by many years or decades mark the boundary of the property on the south side along the road as well as along the west and north sides. Another rock wall runs down the east side of the chapel with a portion of the property lying about 90 feet east of this rock wall. The property is located in a Special Management Area (SMA) that places restrictions on new building construction on the property.

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Narrative Description

See previous two pages.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion

Period of Significance

1874 - Present

Significant Dates

1874

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Father Damien de Veuster, ss.cc.

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Father Damien de Veuster, ss.cc.

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Our Lady of Seven Sorrows chapel and cemetery are historically significant for their importance in the life of the local populations of Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Filipino, Anglo and other ethnic populations as well as being associated with Father Damien, a world-renowned Saint in the Catholic Church, and known world-wide for his work with leprosy victims. The site is a frequently-visited historical site on Molokai. The chapel itself, along with St. Joseph chapel, about 4.5 miles west of Kaluaaha, are the only places in the world, outside of the Damien Shrine in Belgium, where the actual altars and tabernacles used by Father Damien still exist. Services are still held in the chapel on a weekly basis.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Located along the southeast coast of the Hawaiian Island of Molokai, the fifth largest of the five major islands in the Hawaiian Island archipelago, the site is located near a protected fishpond and the ruins of one of the first Christian churches on Molokai, located in Kaluaaha. The island of Molokai is considered the most Hawaiian of the major Hawaiian islands. It was said that it was the training ground of many "kahunas" (masters of a trade or work) and warriors alike. The spiritual power or "mana" that Molokai held in the history of Hawaii is renowned. It is believed that Tahitian Polynesian peoples came to Molokai millenia ago and conquered the local ancient Hawaiians. Molokai has always been remote and isolated. Most of the early inhabitants of Molokai lived on the east end of the island.

The only way in the past for people to come and go to and from the island is currently served by one airline. In the near past, it was served by a ferry and two other airlines.

The island economy has always been agricultural, although attempts have been made to make Molokai a destination for visitors. It continues to be a low-income ~~income~~ economy, however, the poorest of the major Hawaiian islands.

Missionary efforts have been made on the island since the first Christian missionaries (presumably) arrived in 1820. The first Christian church on Molokai was built in 1832 near where the chapel is in Kaluaaha. Catholic missionary priests were visiting

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Molokai from Oahu and Maui since the early 1840's and possibly even before then. The resident Catholic priest, first on the island, was Father Joseph Damien de Veuster, ss.cc., a Sacred Hearts priest, who in 1873, was assigned, after volunteering, to the government of Hawaii leper settlement on the Kalaupapa peninsula on the north shore of Molokai and who served the entire island from 1873-1889. Lepers were first ~~xxx~~ sent to Molokai in 1866.

It is recorded in a Hawaiian Catholic Bishop's Journal that even back in 1851, a chapel was being built on topside Molokai as well as on the Kalaupapa peninsula. These chapels no longer exist. Father Damien helped to complete St. Philomena's church at the leper settlement in 1873 and went on to build six more chapels, two on the peninsula and four topside. Our Lady of Seven Sorrows chapel was built in 1874 in Kaluaaha by Father Damien to serve the faithful in that area. Several years later, three other chapels were built by Father Damien on topside Molokai, between the years 1876-1880: St. Joseph in Kamalo, St. Ann in Halawa and St. John the Evangelist in Moanui, all on the east end of the island.

Our Lady of Seven Sorrows chapel and cemetery continue to serve the faithful on Molokai with weekly services and a sacred ground to ~~be~~ bury their dead.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

- Bishop Louis Maigret, ss.cc. Journal, 1837-1877, Sacred Hearts Archives, Honolulu
"Pioneers of the Faith: History of the Catholic Mission in Hawaii 1827-1940", Schoofs, ss.cc., Honolulu, 1978
"History of the Catholic Mission in the Hawaiian Islands", Yzendorn, ss.cc., Honolulu, 1927
~~"Letters of Father Damien", Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, Rome 2017~~

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
 recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government (Maui County)
 University
 Other
Name of repository: Sacred Hearts Archives and Diocese of Honolulu Archives

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 2 acres

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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| 4. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The north boundary extends as a rock wall for approximately 210 ft. from west to east. Another rock wall forms the eastern boundary for approximately 300 ft., then the property goes beyond the rock wall 90 ft. east and 250 ft. south. The southern boundary extends as a rock wall for approximately 390 ft. to the west along the highway. The western boundary is a rock wall that extends approximately 400 ft. to the north and meets the north boundary.

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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

It is believed that the rock wall boundaries existed before the chapel was built to prevent cattle from entering the property.

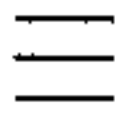
11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Father Brian Guerrini, ss.cc./Outgoing Pastor/Administrator
organization: St. & Damien of Molokai Parish & Missions
street & number: 115 Ala Malama Ave.
city or town: Kaunakakai state: Hawaii zip code: 96748
e-mail frbrianvince@gmail.com
telephone: 808-319-1941 or 909-593-5441
date: November 19, 2022

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

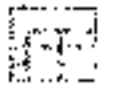
- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)



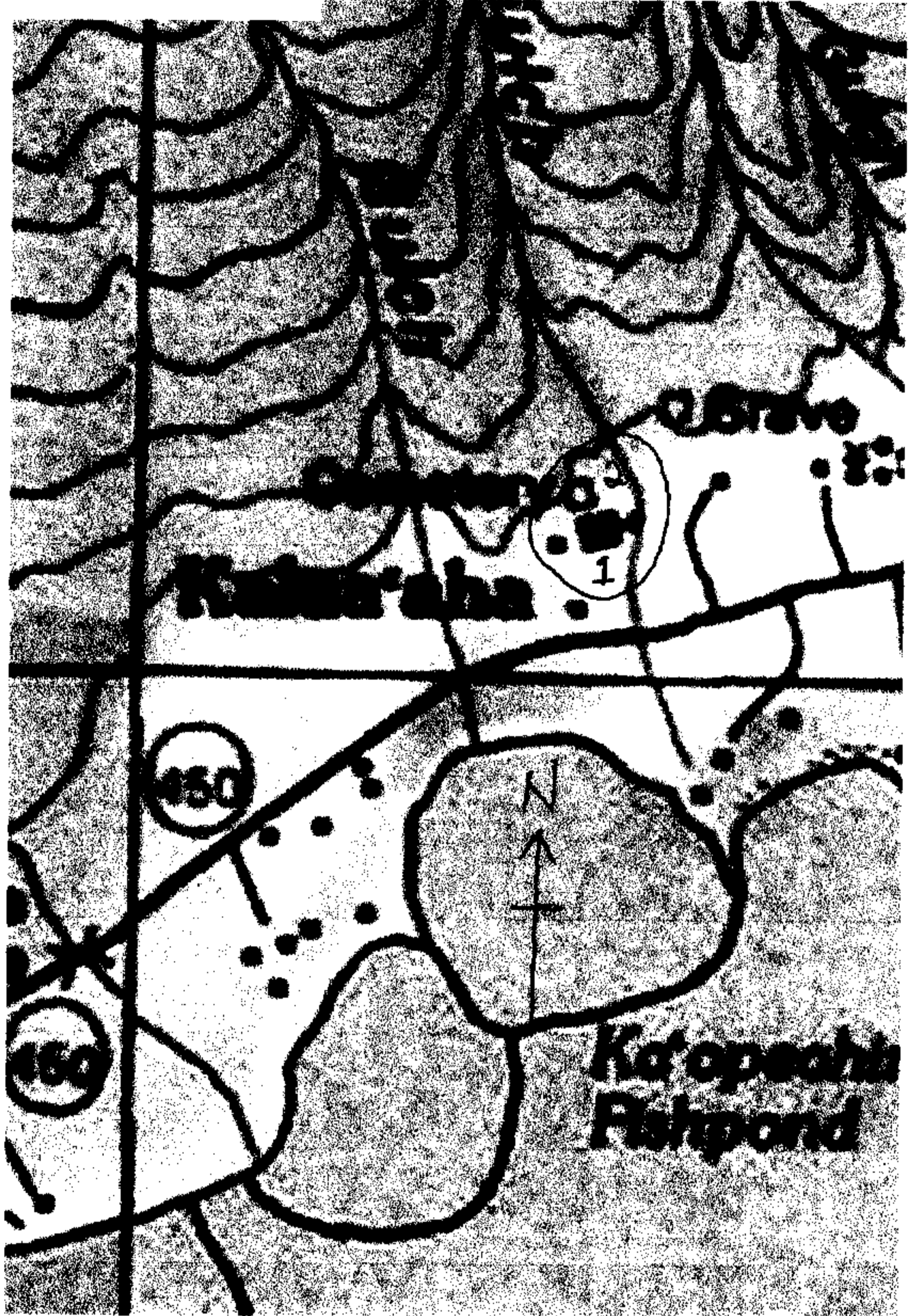
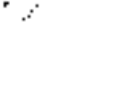
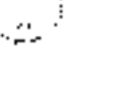
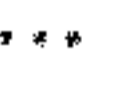
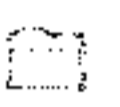
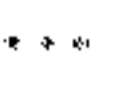
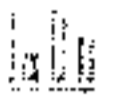
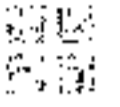
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USA Topo Maps



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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Chapel and Cemetery

City or Vicinity: Kaluaaha

County: Maui

State: Hawaii

Photographer: Fr. Brian Guerrini, ss.cc.

Date Photographed: September, 2022

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 2.

Looking northeast at the chapel and cemetery.

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for each response using this form is estimated to be between the Tier 1 and Tier 4 levels with the estimate of the time for each tier as follows:

- Tier 1 – 60-100 hours
- Tier 2 – 120 hours
- Tier 3 – 230 hours
- Tier 4 – 280 hours

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Looking north-northeast at the chapel and cemetery.

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