

CHAPEL ST LOUIS LE ROI St. Boniface, Manitoba

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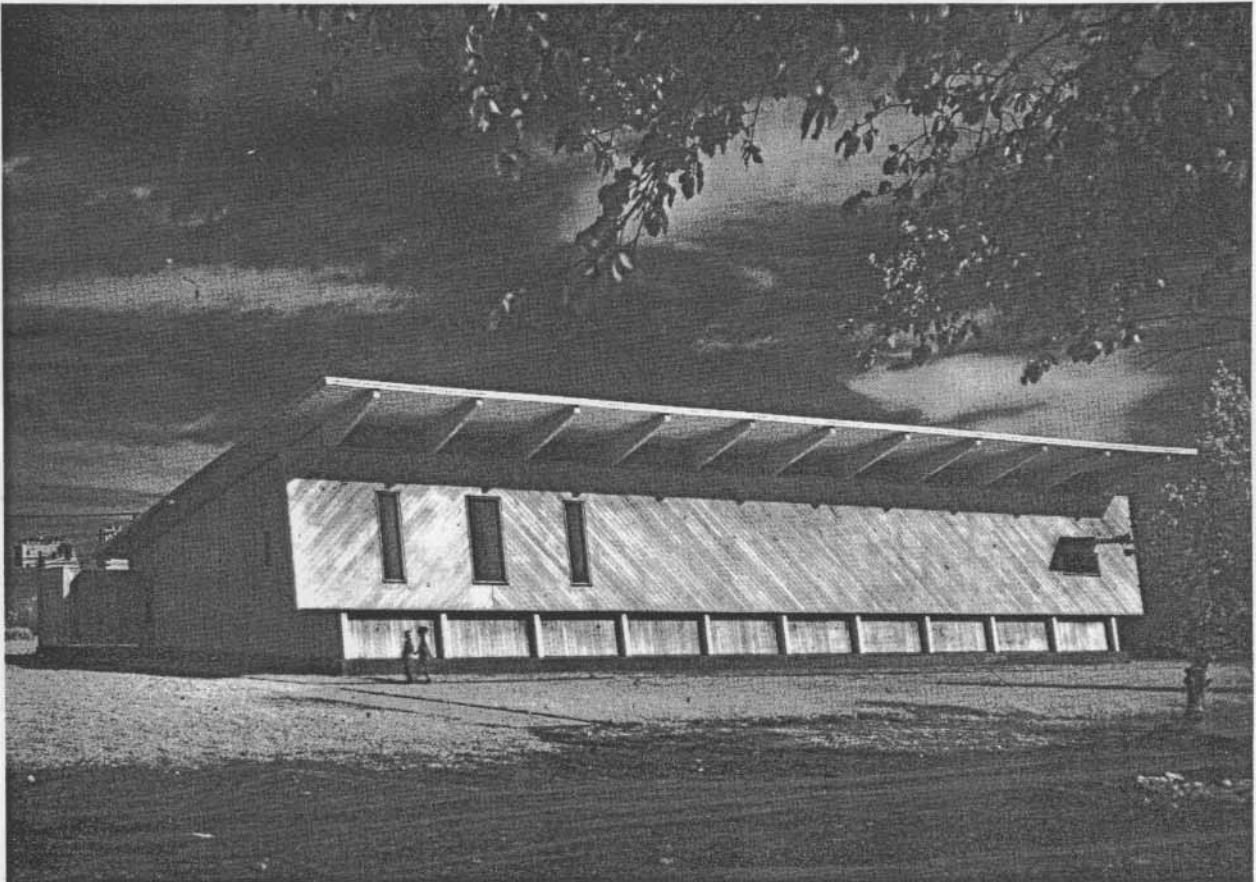
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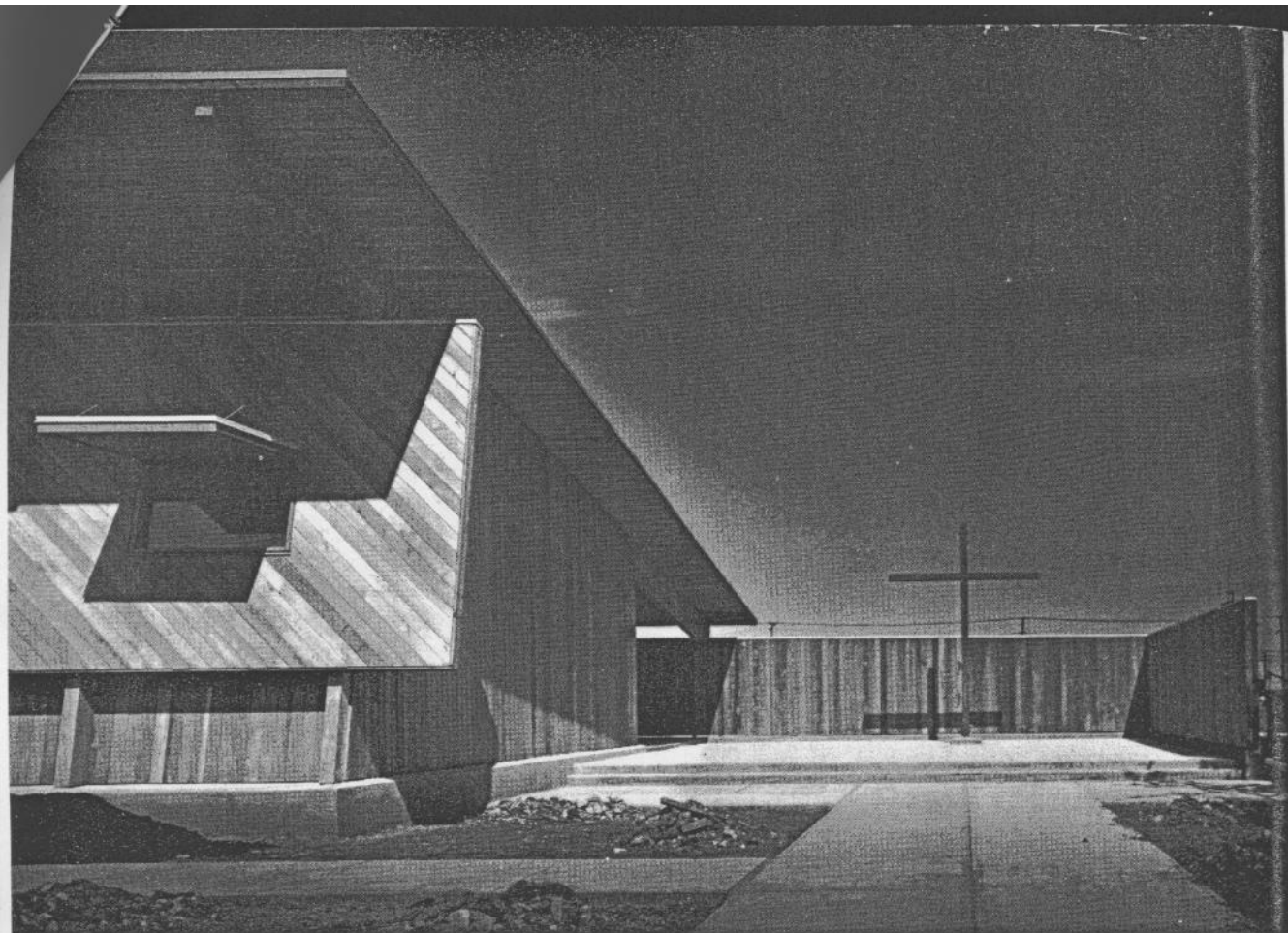
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THIS CHAPEL accommodates parishioners of the cathedral parish who live in a remote section of the parish. The site is adjacent to the Grotto of Notre Dame De Lourdes and the Meditative Gardens in connection with the Grotto. As such, the chapel is also a focus of attention for those making a pilgrimage to the Grotto. Although the building is located near to the business section of St. Boniface, the peculiarities of the site and surroundings suggested a rural, rather than an urban treatment of the chapel. The liturgical and devotional functions which must be met by the internal plan, are common to all catholic churches. As this chapel is primarily an adjunct facility to the main cathedral, offices and similar administrative facilities common to larger churches, have been omitted.

The foundation is a re-inforced concrete slab on grade. The super-structure is framed in glu-laminated wood beams and columns with a 2" fir deck forming the roof structure. Enclosing walls are wood stud.



Extensive use of wood, naturally finished, has been used throughout. Exterior and interior walls are finished in a clear cedar, the roof deck is fir, as are the glu-laminated wood beams and columns. A plaster dado on one outside wall and some interior plaster walls have been used for visual contrast on the interior. Plaster has been painted white. Both natural and artificial illumination have been carefully studied to provide strong lighting emphasis on the altar and sanctuary area. Light into the nave of the church is indirect in that the glu-laminated beams shield the light source. Additional lighting is provided on the outside wall by means of a strip of glass set between the outside wall and the dado. Interior floor finishes are asphalt tile throughout. The heating is by means of a hot air furnace supplying air through perimeter ducts set into the concrete slab.



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