



Sacred Heart Church

Ohura Rd, Whangamomona

1919

Use: Church **Historic Value:** 3 out of 5

Materials: Weatherboard façade **Architectural Value:** 2 out of 4

NZHPT Registered: Not registered **Technical Value:** - out of 2

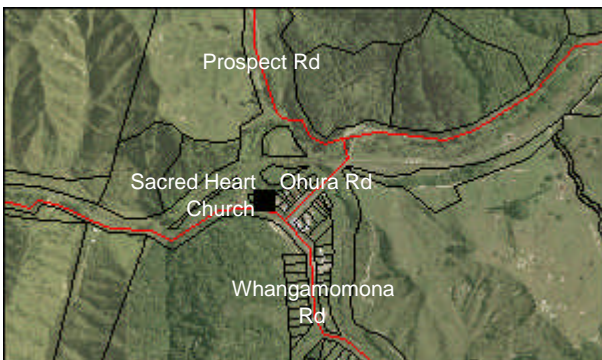
Legal Description: **Symbolic Value:** 1 out of 3

Rarity Value: - out of 2

Townscape Value: 1 out of 2

Group Value: 1 out of 2

Overall Heritage Value: 8 out of 20



Religion has always played quite a large role in Whangamomona, with the Primitive Methodists holding services before 1909. Presbyterians, Anglicans and the Salvation Army came next, with Sacred Heart Catholic Church being the last to form a parish.

The site of the Catholic Church originally had a small boarding house with a canvas roof situated on it which was run by Mr. Alex Reid. This was later replaced by a more substantially structured boarding house which was owned by the McCluggage's before it closed down in around 1912.

Catholic Settlers set to work building a Church on the site, which was eventually opened on the 9th of November 1919, by Archbishop O'Shea.

Initially, the Church was under the care of New Plymouth, and then Inglewood parishes. However, the Eastern Taranaki district soon established its own parish, with Father N. Moore servicing the Whangamomona and Ohura counties until 1923, when the population got too small. After this, the parish was again reverted to the care of Inglewood, but from 1927 to today it comes under the Stratford parish.

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