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Mr. David Mele
Archetype
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RE: Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse/St. Joseph's Convent - Portland, ME– NPS #18483

Dear David,

I am writing in regard to the proposed treatment of historic doors at the Motherhouse in Portland. Because the project pro forma depends heavily on the historic tax credits, we must be particularly diligent about compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards so as not to jeopardize the funding provided by the credits. The Standards clearly call for the retention of historic character-defining features, which includes hardware in the case of historic doors. Specifically, Standard #5 reads – "***Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved***". In order to comply with the Standards, I strongly recommend retaining the knobs on the historic doors. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Christine S. Beard