

Tucson vicinity. **SAN XAVIER DEL BAC**, 9 mi. S of Tucson via Mission Rd., 1783-1797. Brick stuccoed; Latin cross plan behind main facade with 2 end towers; octagonal towers rising above 2 story square bases, scrolled flying but tresses and balustrade at 3rd-story level; high dome on octagonal drum over crossing, shallow oval domes over nave and transepts; central portal of molded, carved, and painted brick with floral, scrolled and classical ornament and sculptures; interior with elaborate reredos and frescoes. Late American example of Spanish Baroque. Built by Franciscans on site of original Spanish Jesuit mission founded by Father Eusebio Francisco Kino in 1700; temporarily abandoned during periods in 18th and 19th C.; active parish today. *Private*: NHL; HABS.