

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
 GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

NO. 321

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: The Church of the Holy Family HISTORIC NAME: The Church of the Holy Family STREET ADDRESS: 320 12th Street CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee PRESENT OWNER: Diocese of Savannah MAILING ADDRESS: Box 8789 Most Rev. Thom J. McDonough CITY: Savannah STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31402 CURRENT USE: Catholic Church ACREAGE: 1.1 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-689070-359330 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 18/13/7</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Gothic Revival with Byzantine influence, stucco over brick. Facade is divided into three bays, the center one rising above the other two and being capped by a slender spire. Tudor arches define all openings of the building. Crenelated parapets define the slope of the roofline on the front facade and cross arms. Gothic floor plan with Gothic interior detailing. Traditional evergreen plantings around church--rosebuds serve as focal point. To the east of the church entrance is the gravesite of Father Michael Cullinan. Attached two story rectory in contemporary Gothic design forms an ell to the west of the main sanctuary. (CONT. ON BACK)</p>
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: Roman Catholic Church ORIGINAL USE: Roman Catholic Church ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Daniel Matthew Foley HISTORIC ACREAGE: 1.1 acres DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1877-1880 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1971 annex (Social Hall) HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The original Catholic Church of Columbus was known as the Church of St. Philip and St. James. It was built on another site in 1829 on land that was deeded to the congregation by the city. When the church was no longer large enough to house the parishioners, Father Michael Cullinan encouraged the congregation to form a new church. With his efforts, this new church grew out of the old, and the sanctuary was built on its present site in 1880. The Father requested he be buried on the site. Today it continues to be an active downtown congregation. In 1971, a social hall was annexed to the sanctuary by a covered walkway.</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Religion, Education, Architecture/History LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Religion</u>: It is important to note that a Catholic Church was founded at such an early date in a southern community. This church has served as the mainstay of the Catholic sector for 150 years. <u>Education</u>: Holy Family has emphasized the education of its parishioners and strengthened interfaith understanding in Columbus. The first interfaith service was held here in the 1970's. <u>Architecture/History</u>: Daniel Matthew Foley, architect/builder, designed 16 other churches in the U.S. before coming to Columbus to design this church. This Gothic Revival Church is the only one of its type in Columbus and is an architectural as well as religious anchor point in the community.</p>
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC Roger Harris b) Historic Columbus Foundation b) Janice P. Biggers ADDRESS: a) P. O. Box 1908, Cols, GA 31994 TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221 b) 700 Broadway, Cols, GA 31901 b) (404)322-0756 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Columbus-Muscogee County, Georgia. 1976 state survey, Historic Preservation Section, DNR, Atlanta, Georgia. SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Local church authorities and <u>Ledger-Enquirer</u> (article by W. C. Woodall 1976). Interview with Mary Margaret Byrne, local historian (and member of Church of the Holy Family), Oct. 30, 1979.</p>



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The property is in excellent condition. To the north is the Swift-Kyle House (National Register property); to the west is the First Baptist Church of Columbus; to the east is commercial property; (bounded by 4th Avenue); to the south is commercial property.

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