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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Brophy College Chapel

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 4701 N. Central Avenue not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Phoenix vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

state Arizona code AZ county Maricopa code AZ 013 zip code 85012

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide  locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

J. Cannon AZSMPD 6/23/93  
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

~~Entered in the~~  
~~National Register~~

entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

*Alfred Byers* 8/10/93

\_\_\_ determined eligible for the  
National Register

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the  
National Register

\_\_\_ removed from the National Register

\_\_\_ other (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- \_\_\_ public-local
- \_\_\_ public-State
- \_\_\_ public-Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- \_\_\_ district
- \_\_\_ site
- \_\_\_ structure
- \_\_\_ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  1  </u>	___ buildings
___	___ sites
___	___ structures
___	___ objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> Total

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**   0  

**Name of related multiple property listing** (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Religious Architecture in Phoenix, Arizona

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)Cat: RELIGION Sub: Religious Structure

_____	_____
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_____	_____
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**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)Cat: RELIGION Sub: Religious Structure

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_____	_____
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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

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**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)foundation CONCRETEroof OTHER: Clay Tilewalls STUCCO

other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B. removed from its original location.
- C. a birthplace or a grave.
- D. a cemetery.
- E. a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F. a commemorative property.
- G. less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance** 1910-1942  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates** 1928  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person** (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation** N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Architect/Builder** Lescher & Kibbey  
Wasielowski, E.J.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre

**UTM References** (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	400430	3	70600	3
2			4		

See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTINUATION SHEET**

Section 7 Page 1

Brophy College Chapel

name of property

Maricopa/Arizona

county and State

Religious Architecture in Phoenix, Arizona

name of multiple property listing

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**Description**

The Brophy College Chapel was constructed in 1928. It was designed by local architects Lescher and Kibbey and built by the E.J. Wasielewski Construction Company. The building is constructed in the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style and represents the Southwestern Regionalism property type. It retains a high degree of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling. The Brophy College Chapel has been in continuous use as a chapel from 1928 to the present day.

The Brophy College Chapel, which has always been a focal point along mid-town Central Avenue, is part of a larger school complex and church. The front facade of the Chapel faces west into a courtyard framed by an arcaded walk. The site is characterized by concrete, asphalt, and grass surfaces, open space, and mature trees.

The Brophy College Chapel is a square, two and one-half story building of brick construction. The building is divided into a series of vertical bays defined by corbelled and corniced pilasters. It measures 100 x 100 feet. The gable roof is covered with clay tile. It has a concrete foundation. The walls are sheathed with stucco.

The dominant exterior feature is the five story stepped bell tower which is topped by a dome and cross. Extensive use of round arch openings at the tower walls, sanctuary and arcade also dominate the exterior character of the building. Decoration of the walls include corbelled parapets and band courses, cornice molding at the bell tower, cast stone finials at the pilasters, and oval ventilators at the parapet frieze. The entrance is framed with a cast stone architrave and wood doors featuring decorative bracketing and handles.

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**Statement of Significance**

The Brophy College Chapel is significant under Criteria C in the area of Significance of Architecture. Built in 1928, the Brophy College Chapel is the most outstanding local example of the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style, and therefore represents the historic context "Religious Architecture in Phoenix, 1910-1942." Designed by prominent local architects Lescher and Kibbey and built by E.J. Wasielewski, the Brophy College Chapel represents the Southwestern Regionalism property type. The building possess the important characteristics of the property type specifically a design concept based on the revival of the traditional Spanish Colonial architectural themes found throughout the Southwestern United States.

The building epitomizes the Spanish Colonial Revival style concepts in its degree of ornamentation, rambling form, and dominant massing. The Brophy College Chapel features a two story gabled wing, an arcaded flat roofed wing, and a multi-story, stepped back belltower. Spanish Colonial Revival detailing is most noticeable along the arcaded facade which features buttressed detail with a large corbel table, each topped with finials, and separating swag-like curved parapets. The belltower is similarly detailed, with finials atop each of the stepped parapets. It is penetrated at each level with round arch openings. Typical Spanish Colonial Revival decorative cast stone ornamentation adorns the portico, arched entry surround and window lintels.

**Bibliography**

Arizona Republic. Phoenix, Arizona, 1890-1942, Various Issues.

Phoenix City Directories, Phoenix, Arizona, 1889-1942.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Phoenix, Arizona, 1893-1942.

Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1976.

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary is delineated by lines parallel to and five feet from all of the exterior walls of the Chapel.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the original church site which has historically been associated with the property.