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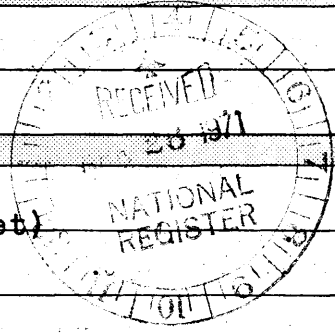
Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: GEORGIA	
COUNTY: BIBB	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.7.13.0029	DATE 7/14/71



1. NAME

COMMON:
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
812 Poplar Street (Also, 533 New Street)

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13** COUNTY: **Bibb** CODE: **021**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
812 Poplar Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Bibb County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Macon

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 1 acre**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **1. The Historic Architecture of Macon by Carl Feiss and Russell Wright**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Middle Georgia Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Macon Coliseum

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

*2. Historical Survey by Middle Georgia Historical Society
1970 Local

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Work was begun in 1889 and dedicated on June 6, 1892.

Constructed under the supervision of Brother Cornelius Otten, S.J. who was inspired by a similar church built in Galveston, Texas by N.J. Clayton, Architect.

The architecture is Romanesque Neo-Gothic Style.

St. Joseph's is a cruiform Basilica-Type plan with a small dome rising over the transept. The exterior is of pressed red brick trimmed in marble.

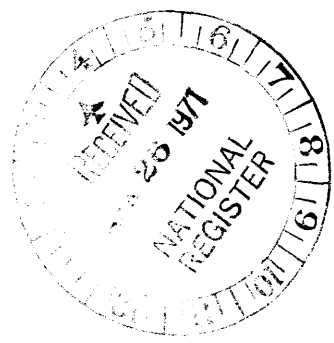
The Gothic features on the exterior are the flying buttresses and pinnacles.

The three altars are of Carrara marble and were hand carved in Italy.

The structure is approximately 150 feet long and the twin spires extend approximately 200 feet above the ground.

Of special interest are the beautiful stained glass windows which were made in Munich, Germany. There are 67 stained glass windows. Each portray incidents in the life of the Holy Family and the Saints.

The organ is a three manual Pilcher instrument and was installed in 1903 by Pilcher's and Sons of Louisville, Kentucky, consisting of approximately one thousand pipes ranging in size from that of a clinical thermometer to thirty-two foot resultant in the pedal board.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

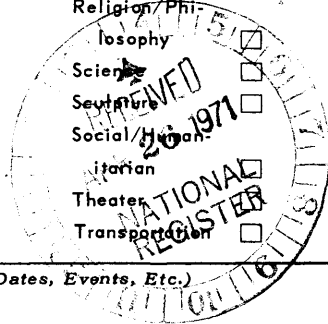
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1889-1904

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Architecture</u> |
| Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

There has been an organized Catholic congregation in Macon since the early 1840's. It was housed successively in two converted Presbyterian churches. By the later portion of the last century Catholics were numerous enough to undertake the building of their own structure.

In 1887 the Harris residence and the adjoining Hunt property were purchased to serve as the site of the new church. Plans were drawn for a modified Romanesque-neo-Gothic church by a Mr. Woodruff with the help of a Jesuit laybrother, Brother Otten, S.J. Work was begun sometime in 1889 and not completed until 1904.

The church is the mother church of Catholicism in middle Georgia and in a sense one of the earliest large churches south of Baltimore. From the congregation in Macon came congregations in Albany, Atlanta and all of the smaller towns from the Florida border to the hills north of Atlanta.

In this church was born the famous Catholic layman's association Georgia the most effective organization for combating anti-Catholic prejudice in the 1920's. It served as a model for similar groups throughout the country.

The church was built under the direction of the Jesuit fathers who staffed Pio Nono College in Macon until the building burned in the twenties. These priests also built two other similar churches, one in Augusta, Georgia and one in Tampa, Florida. St. Joseph's is the smallest of the three and perhaps the most beautiful.

The church now serves as a parish church for about half of Macon's Catholics and as the principal focus point of Catholics in Middle Georgia.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

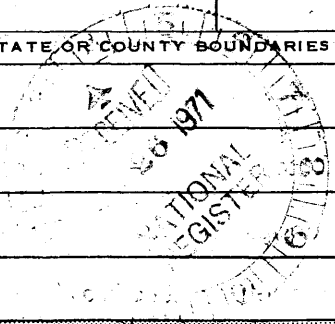
Butler, John C. History of Macon and Central Georgia.
 Macon, Georgia, 1879.
 Records of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.
 Young, Gholson & Hargrove. The History of Macon, Georgia 1823-1949.
 Macon, Georgia, 1950.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mr. John J. McKay, Jr., President

ORGANIZATION: **Middle Georgia Historical Society, Inc.** DATE: **March 25, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o Macon Coliseum

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mary Gregory Jewell
 Title State Liaison Officer
 Date April 19, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

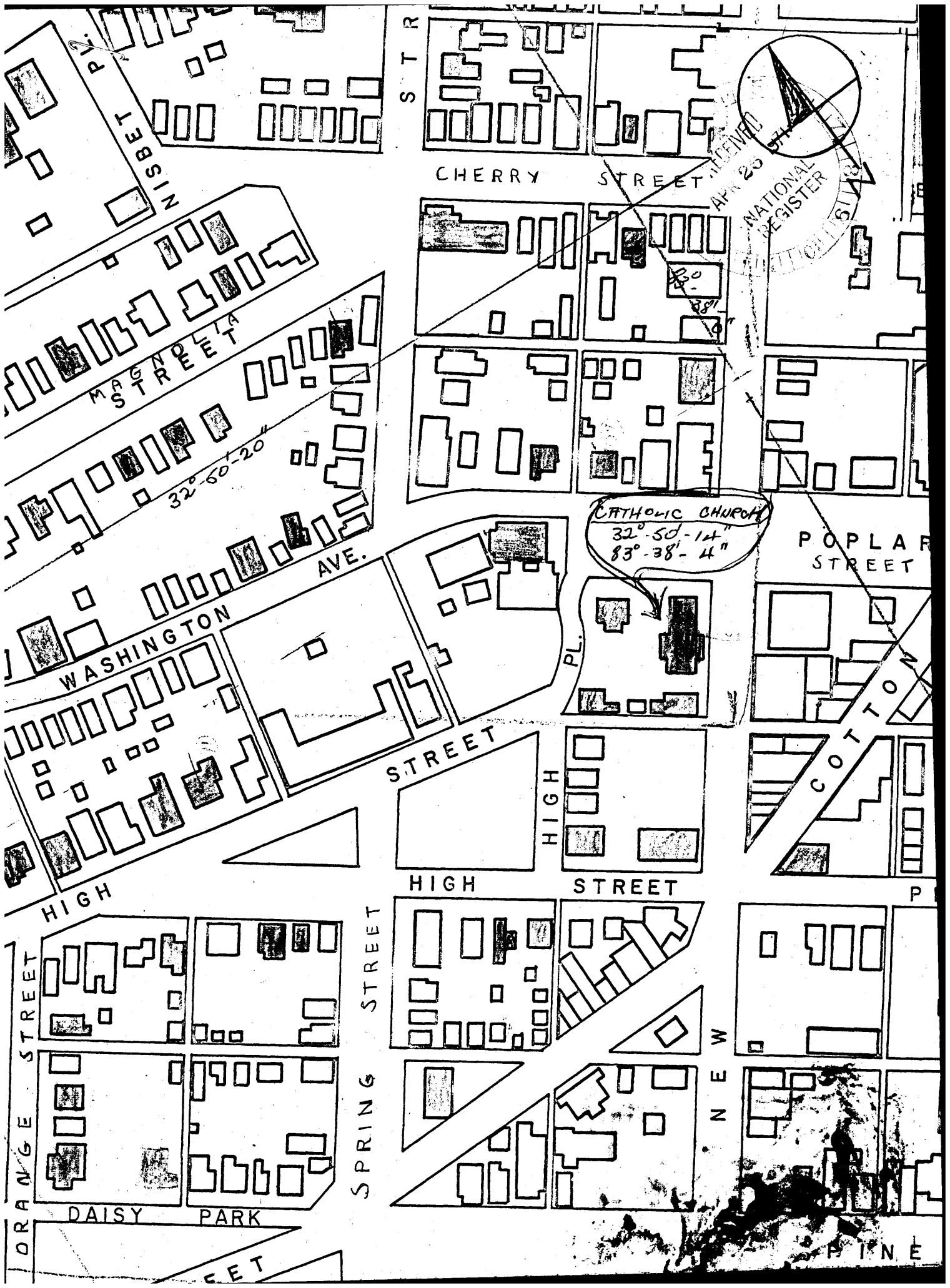
Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 14 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
William M. Mautz
 Keeper of The National Register
JUN 23 1971

Date _____



CATHOLIC CHURCH
32°-50'-14"
83°-38'-4"

LEBET
MAGNOLIA
STREET

STR

CHERRY STREET

WASHINGTON
AVE.

32°-50'-20"

POPLAR
STREET

STREET

HIGH

HIGH

STREET

COTTON

ORANGE STREET

SPRING STREET

NEW

DAISY PARK

PINE