



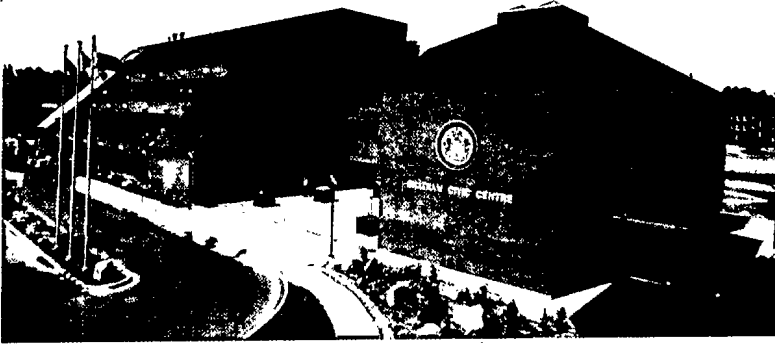
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM

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CHATHAM, ONT., April 10, 1986.
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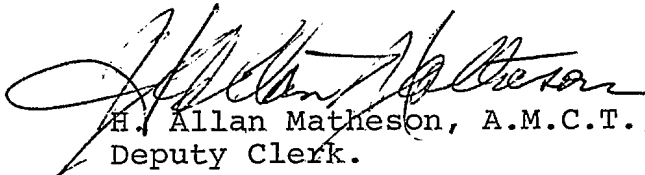
The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.
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Dear Sirs:

RE: DESIGNATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
180 Wellington Street West,
Chatham, Ontario.

We are enclosing a copy of By-law 8911 passed on March 17, 1986,
designating the above captioned property. Attached to the
By-law is the Reasons For Designation.

Yours truly,


H. Allan Matheson, A.M.C.T., C.M.C.,
Deputy Clerk.

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BY-LAW NUMBER 8911

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM

A By-law to designate the property known municipally as 180 Wellington Street West as being of historical and/or architectural value or interest.

FINALLY PASSED the 17th day of March, A.D. 1986.

WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337 as amended, enables municipalities to enact by-laws to designate property, (which term means real property and includes all buildings and structures thereon) to be of architectural or historical value or interest.

AND WHEREAS Council of The Corporation of the City of Chatham, having appointed a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, has consulted with the said Committee prior to giving Notice of its Intention to Designate the hereinafter described property pursuant to Section 29 of the said The Ontario Heritage Act.

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the City of Chatham has caused Notice of Intention to Designate the hereinafter described property to be of historical or architectural value or interest pursuant to the said The Ontario Heritage Act and has duly served such Notice of Intention and published the same as required by law.

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been received by The Corporation of the City of Chatham.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Chatham as follows:

1. That the property more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed, being the exterior of the entire building complex, containing the Church, Chapel and 1968 addition, facade

portico and Chapel porch, along with the interior of the entire body of the Church itself, pews and the pipe organ, be and the same are hereby designated to be of historical or architectural value or interest, pursuant to the said The Ontario Heritage Act.

2. That the enclosure installed in the Narthex at the main entrance, the surface finish of the floor and all liturgical furnishings and their devotional and decorative accessories (installed during the renovations of 1968 and subsequently) be and the same are hereby excluded from the aforementioned designation.

THIS By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.



MAYOR

CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

FIRSTLY: ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Chatham, County of Kent and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of the Catholic Church Lands (Wellington and Queen Streets) in the said City of Chatham,, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the North Westerly limit of Cross Street, distant ninety-nine and ninety-five one-hundredths feet (99.95') measured South Westerly therealong from the South Westerly limit of Queen Street; THENCE South Westerly continuing along the North Westerly limit of Cross Street, one hundred and fifty-six and fifty-five one-hundredths feet (156.55'); THENCE North Westerly parallel with the South Westerly limit of Queen Street, eighty-three feet (83.0'); THENCE North Easterly parallel with the North Westerly limit of Cross Street, one hundred and fifty-six and fifty-five one-hundredths feet (156.55'); THENCE South Easterly parallel with the South Westerly limit of Queen Street, eighty-three feet (83.0') more or less to the point of commencement.

SECONDLY:

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Chatham formerly in the Township of Raleigh, known as Lot 24 in the First Concession, in the County of Kent and Province of Ontario, and being composed of part of the Roman Catholic Church Lands as patented to The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of London, in Ontario, on the Twenty-fourth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-six, said parcel or tract of land hereby conveyed being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point on the Southerly limit of Wellington Street, distant eighteen feet, six inches (18' 6") measured Westerly along Wellington Street from the Easterly boundary of Lot Number Five, according to Plan Number 334, said point of commencement being also distant two hundred and twenty-eight feet (228') measured Westerly from the point of intersection of the Westerly limit of Queen Street with the Southerly limit of Welling Street; THENCE Southerly, parallel to the Easterly boundary of said Lot Five, one hundred and twenty feet (120') to a point; THENCE Easterly, parallel to the Southerly limit of Wellington Street, forty feet (40') to a point; THENCE Northerly, parallel with the said Easterly boundary of said Lot Five, one hundred and twenty feet (120'), more or less, to the Southerly limit of Wellington Street; THENCE Westerly, along the said Southerly limit of Wellington Street, forty feet (40'), more or less to the place of beginning.

THIRDLY:

ALL that parcel of land in the City of Chatham formerly in the Township of Raleigh in the County of Kent in the Province of Ontario, containing fifteen (15) acres more or less, being part of Lot Number 24 in the Broken Front upon the River Thames, the front part whereof forms part of the Town of Chatham, together with all the woods and waters thereon lying and being under the reservations, limitations and conditions in the original Grant thereof from the Crown, which said fifteen (15) acres of land are butted and bounded, or may be otherwise known as follows: that is to say, COMMENCING where the allowance for road along the Township line between the Township of Harwich and the said Township of Raleigh intersects Wellington Street in the Town of Chatham; THENCE South forty-five degrees East (S 45° E) one thousand five hundred and sixty-six and eighteen one hundredths feet (1,566.18') more or less to where a post has been planted; THENCE South forty-five degrees West (S 45° W) four hundred and seventeen and seventy-eight one hundredths feet (417.78') more or less to where a post has been planted; THENCE North forty-five degrees West (N 45° W) one thousand six hundred and thirty-three and fifty one hundredths feet (1633.50') more or less to the Southern limit of Wellington Street; THENCE North seventy-seven degrees East (S 77° E) along the Southern limit of the said Street to the place of beginning.

now being Property Numbers 00505-0196 and 00505-0197.

This is Schedule "A" to By-law
Number 8911 passed the 17th
day of March, 1986.



Mayor



Clerk

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
180 Wellington Street West
Chatham, Ontario

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

In 1836, fifteen acres, known as the Catholic Church Land was allocated by the Crown to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Upper Canada. On October 17, 1886, the cornerstone of the present church was laid on the site of the sanctuary of the original church built in 1847. On October 23, 1887, Bishop John Walsh of the Diocese of London, dedicated and opened the new church.

St. Joseph's was the founding parish for the Catholic population of Chatham, and for nearly a century now this particular building has provided the setting for the liturgical services of the parish.

The establishment of and maintenance of this church reflects the faith and prosperity of the community. A Chatham landmark, St. Joseph's Church vitalizes the Catholic community and contributes eminently to the historical, social and architectural cityscape.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

A Victorian revival of historical styles, St. Joseph's Church impresses by its massiveness and classical affinities on the exterior, and by its elegant proportions and structural articulation on the interior. Its design recalls the simple Italianate Fashion of the 1847 church, while celebrating the growing sophistication of the parish, and likely the influence of the Franciscan Priests who served the parish during this time.

St. Joseph's Church represents a new development in the oeuvre of Joseph Connally, an Irish architect who once established in Toronto, excelled in the designing of Gothic inspired Catholic Churches, such as St. Peter's Basilica, London (1880-85). Connally's later works derive remarkably from St. Joseph's Church.

The church itself has evolved during this century to satisfy the aesthetics and affluences of the community and to accommodate the liturgical renewal of Vatican II, but it remains an attractive and inviting amalgam of architectural styles. A monument to its designer and its builders in the later nineteenth century, St. Joseph's Church endures as vital, functioning architecture.