

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 210 East Jefferson Street
 Map and Parcel: 33-197
 Census Track & Block: 1-109
 Present Owner: Holy Comforter Catholic Church
 Address: 210 East Jefferson St., City
 Present Use: Church
 Original Owner: Holy Comforter Catholic Church
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BASE DATA

Historic Name: Holy Comforter Catholic Church
 Date/Period: 1925
 Style: Roman Revival
 Height to Cornice: 37.5
 Height in Stories: 1
 Present Zoning: B-3
 Land Area (sq.ft.):
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 14850 + 51960 = 66,810

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The present church was designed in 1925 by Stanislaw Makielski and is based on Leo Battista Alberti's, one of the most important Early Renaissance architects, design for San Andrea in Mantua, Italy. The front, modeled on the triumphal arch, with pilasters, recessed pedimented entrance set against a thermal window, and gables pediment is a handsome interpretation of Neo-Renaissance motifs. The sides are treated in a much simpler manner. Set on a light colored podium, the plain brick walls are articulated with five elongated circular headed windows and an entablature with the mousetoothing, common in the nineteenth century cornices, now appearing in the architrave. A one story extension surrounds the chancel. The interior has been altered from Makielski's original scheme. This is a handsome and extremely well detailed church.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The present church was erected in 1925 on the site of the earlier 1880 church. Thomas Fortune Ryan of Nelson County was its chief benefactor. Catholics had worshipped in Charlottesville since 1869 and bought their property in 1879.

GRAPHICS



CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

City/County Records