



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW | HONOLULU

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State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources
State Historic Preservation Division
Kakuhewa Building
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Re: The Fountain of St. Andrew at The Cathedral of St. Andrew
Beretania Street (Queen Emma Square)
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Site: 50-80-14-09915 and 1321 (07/02/73)
Testimony regarding proposed supplemental nomination
Hearing: November 17, 2023, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Dear Members of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board:

As the Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, the legal owner of the property, and the leadership of the Cathedral of St. Andrew entrusted with responsibility for the buildings and property, we offer testimony to support the inclusion of the noted statue of St. Andrew by Croatian master sculptor Ivan Mestrovic as a Contributing Object to the existing historic designation of the Cathedral of St. Andrew. It has always been and will remain a desire of the Cathedral to preserve this sculpture of St. Andrew gifted to the Cathedral by Robbins and Mary Anderson in 1958.

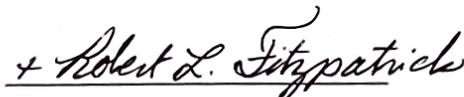
We acknowledge and understand the nomination to include the additional fish sculptures and carvings surrounding the Mestrovic St. Andrew, as well as the olive trees and the benches, too, surrounding the statue in front of the Cathedral. However, not all of these additional items are appropriate for separate entry in the historic register. First, the fish sculptures have been permanently removed from the site because they were repeatedly broken off, damaged and used inappropriately by vandals. Due to safety and security concerns, there is currently no plan to return them to the site. Second, the water has been permanently drained from the basin around the statue to ensure that the statue can be properly maintained and to protect it from vandalization and harm. The pumps and piping that were installed within the basin were also previously subject to vandalization and are no longer functional. The statue and permanently dry surrounding basin remain an integral and important part of the Cathedral which complements and enhances the view of the Cathedral from Beretania Street.

We actively maintain the olive trees adjacent to the statute. However, they are not indigenous to Hawai'i and are subject to the vicissitudes of the environment. In addition, the reasonable life expectancy of olive trees in Hawai'i is not presently known.

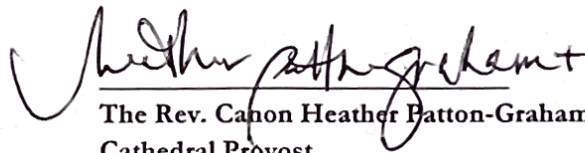
As the owners of the property and those entrusted with its preservation, our primary efforts are to preserve the Mestrovic statue of St. Andrew and the historic elements of the entire Cathedral and Queen Emma Square property, and in doing so, we desire to retain the flexibility to make alterations to the area surrounding the statue as may be necessary to protect and preserve the sculpture.

Other than those noted, we have no designs or plans currently to change anything about the frontage of the Cathedral, and we desire for the Mestrovic St. Andrew sculpture, put in place nearly sixty years ago, to be in that same place sixty years from now. We too, though, need to be able to be responsive to the changing neighborhood and surroundings maintaining a safe and relevant property for all who come to worship and visit this hallowed place. We ask for the latitude to make the wise and thoughtful choices that are most prudent for the current, and future, active and participatory ministries of the Cathedral, true to our commitment to the necessary preservation of the historic property entrusted to us by God and those who have come before us.

Respectfully submitted,



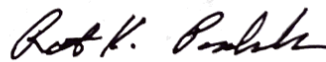
The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i
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The Rev. Canon Heather Patton-Graham
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