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## **BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Birmingham to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage.

The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. The AHC considers the notable historic properties in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition.

Located in what was known as Elyton until the area was incorporated into Birmingham, the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church is an excellent example of a c. 1929 Romanesque style building constructed of brick and limestone that features antique stained glass work. The exterior and interior of the church are modeled after the Basilica of Saint Apollinare Nuovo in Ravenna, Italy. The interior of the church is adorned with fresco style painting and includes original tile flooring. The ceiling is hand laid tile and is accentuated by religious themed paintings. Blessed Sacrament Parish has remained one of the landmark churches of the Diocese of Birmingham since 1929.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Register program, which gives the public a simple way to bring recognition to historic properties.

The Alabama Register officially recognizes and honors buildings, sites, structures, objects, and historic districts that are at least 40 years old.

The Alabama Register designation is honorary and carries no restrictions on property and offers no financial incentives.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office.***

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