

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

MAR 19 1979

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center
Columbus, Ohio 43211

1. No. 14
 Mer-19-9

2. County
 Mercer

3. Location of Negatives
 WOBC

4. Present Name(s)
 Philothea Catholic Church

5. Other Name(s)
 St. Mary's Parish, Philothea, Ohio

6. Specific Location
 midway between St. Henry and Coldwater on Philothea Rd. 1 1/4 miles west of Rt. 118

7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity
 Philothea

8. Site Plan with North Arrow
 CHURCH
 SCHOOL Rectory
 BURNETSVILLE ROAD
 ST. HENRY RD.

16. Thematic Category
 C, N

17. Date(s) or Period
 1871, remodeled 1920-21

18. Style or Design

19. Architect or Engineer

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Original Use, if apparent
 Church

22. Present Use
 Church

23. Ownership
 Public
 Private

24. Owner's Name & Address, if known
 Archbishop Bernardin Cincinnati

9. Coordinates
 Lat. _____ Long. _____
 U.T.M. 18 60 44 80 22 0
11 4930710 54478220

10. Zone Easting Northing
 Site Structure
 Building Object

11. On National Register? Yes No

12. Is it Eligible? Yes No

13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes No

14. District Potent? Yes No

15. Name of Established District
 MULTI RESOURCE

25. Open to Public? Yes No

26. Local Contact Person or Organization
 Rev. Jerome Wolf 678-2795

27. Other Surveys in Which Included
 none

28. No. of Stories 1

29. Basement? Yes No

30. Foundation Material
 cement

31. Wall Construction
 buff brick

32. Roof Type & Material
 slate/gable

33. No. of Bays
 Front 3 Side 4

34. Wall Treatment
 brick veneer

35. Plan Shape
 rectangle

36. Changes (Explain in #42)
 Addition
 Altered
 Moved

37. Condition
 Interior good
 Exterior good


38. Preservation Underway? Yes No

39. Endangered? By What? Yes No

40. Visible from Public Road? Yes No

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road
 15'

42. Further Description of Important Features
 Extensive remodeling was done to outer walls by veneering, new sanctuary and sacristies were added, and an addition to tower in 1922. In 1950, interior was remodeled. Painted white reredos and large original Stations of the Cross remain. The doorway is unusual with a pair of sandstone crocketed pillars. Perhaps the use of the Greek name "Philothea" influenced that addition.



43. History and Significance
 Parish was begun in 1851. Archbishop Purcell gave the Greek name Philothea (God-loving) because the settlement had no name. In 1857 almost all 43 people baptized were negroes since this is close to the Carthagena settlement. Present church was motherchurch for Coldwater. Log church was used from 1852 until the present one was built in 1871.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
 Parochial residence was built in 1905 since pries had resided at Himmelgarten Convent or Carthagena seminary before that. A school that is vacant is to the west of the church.

45. Sources of Information
 "St. Marys Parish, Philothea, Soon to Mark Centennial," Miller, James, The Daily Standard, Oct, 1950.
 Visual inspection.

46. Prepared by
 Mary Ann brown

47. Organization
 WOBC

48. Date
 2/77

49. Revision Date(s)

Philothea Catholic Church
 St. Marys Catholic Church

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42. Further Description of Important Features
 This is a modest house when compared to other area rectories. Its one story veranda porch has an entrance gable over the left of center front door with its recessed diamond patterned sidelights. A large downstairs window and double windows on the second story have upper panes decorated with mullions in an elongated diamond pattern. The hipped roof has projecting gables on the south, west, and east sides.



43. History and Significance
 This is the first rectory built by the St. Mary's parish. Its cost in 1905 was \$4,500. Until this time, the priests serving this parish lived at the Himmelgarten Convent or at the seminary at Carthagena. Aluminum siding and cast aluminum porch railings have been added recently.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
 Directly east of the rectory is the 1886 teachers' house. To the west is the Catholic Church and west of it is the 1928 school. There is a stone grotto behind the church.

45. Sources of Information
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 Visual Inspection, August, 1977.

46. Prepared by
Mary Niekamp

47. Organization
WOPC

48. Date
8/77

49. Revision Date(s)

Philothea Catholic Priest House

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State Ohio

Working Number 3.19.79.591

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TECHNICAL

Photos 75
Maps 1

CONTROL

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HISTORIAN

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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Braham
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Auglaize, Drake, Mercer and
Shelby Counties, Ohio, also Jay County,
Indiana

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000616

Why isn't
School included?

School does not fall
within 50 year criteria
and its historical ties
are tenuous.

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Catholic Church
and Priest Home