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Re: Application to Demolish former Burlington Cathedral ZP-22-576

I am writing to oppose the application to demolish the former Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. I support the preservation of the building and surrounding landscape. The significance of the building and landscape has been documented by numerous experts in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, and historic preservation, who cite the influential designers and the specific design elements. The building was designed by the influential American architect Edward Larrabee Barnes in collaboration with structural engineer Robert Silman, the founder of Silman.

The mid-century modern building is unique in how it combines elements of modern design that was pushing boundaries in the 1970s. While the innovative architecture used space and light to engage the congregation, a complicated concealed steel structure made the soaring space above the fan shaped seating

There is no going back from demolition and the building and site has amazing opportunities to move forward through thoughtful and innovative design.

Please do not approve the application for demolition.

Sincerely,



Nancy Hudson
Principal