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Statement from the Diocese of Charleston Regarding 1703 Blossom Street

CHARLESTON, SC - The Catholic Diocese of Charleston recently purchased 1703 Blossom Street, known as the Women's Club. In its place, diocesan officials plan to construct a church and parish life center. The building is in severe disrepair and its location would not allow the development of the property as planned by the diocese.

Diocesan officials respect the concerns of those who have an appreciation for the building and its history. However, the property is not in the Historic Preservation district, or on the list of Historic Landmarks for Columbia or the National Register of Historic Places.

Diocesan officials are open to speaking with preservation advocates about the possibility of placing a marker of some kind on the property to commemorate the history of the building and women's important role in the City of Columbia.

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