August 26, 2011

The Honorable Gary L. Hooser, Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Department of Health
State of Hawaii
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Hooser:

Subject: Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes
Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu
Draft Environmental Assessment
Project: St. Augustine-by-the-Sea Church Master Plan
Applicant: St. Augustine-by-the-Sea Church
Agent: Helber Hastert & Fee (Ronald A. Sato)
Location: 130 Ohua Avenue - Waikiki
Request: Special Management Area Use Permit (Major)
Proposal: New Damien Museum and Multi-Purpose Building
Tax Map Key: 2-6-26: 12 and 15

The Department of Planning and Permitting has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the above project, and anticipates a Finding of No Significant Impact. Please publish notice in the September 8, 2011 OEQC Environmental Notice.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Publication Form and one copy of the document in pdf format on a CD; and one hard copy of the DEA. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lin Wong of our staff at 768-8033.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
David K. Tanoue, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

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The Environmental Notice
Office of Environmental Quality Control

Name of Project: St. Augustine by-the-Sea Church Master Plan Project
Applicable Law: Chapter 343, HRS, Chapter 25, ROH (SMA)
Type of Document: Draft Environmental Assessment
Island: O’ahu
District: Honolulu
TMK: (1) 2-06-026: 012 and 015
Permits Required: Special Management Area Use Permit (Major), Waikīkī Special District Permit (Major), Zoning Variance. Conditional Use Permit (Minor) – Joint Development, NPDES Permit (Construction Activities). Construction Noise Permit, Building and other Ministerial Permits.

Name of Applicant or Proposing Agency: Roman Catholic Church in Hawai‘i
Address: 130 ʻOhua Avenue
City, State, Zip: Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96815
Contact and Phone: Telephone: (808) 973-9788
Contact: Father Lane Akiona

Accepting Authority: Department of Planning and Permitting
Address: City and County of Honolulu
City, State, Zip: 650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Contact and Phone: Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813
Phone: (808) 768-8033
Contact: Lin Wong

Consultant: Heiber Hastert & Fee, Planners
Address: 733 Bishop Street, Suite 2590
City, State, Zip: Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813
Contact and Phone: Ronald A. Sato, AICP, Senior Planner
Phone: (808) 545-2055

Project Summary: The Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii is proposing to implement improvements to their St. Augustine by-the-Sea Church property in accordance with a new master plan to better serve their parish’s current and future needs. The Church has not undergone any major renovations since its construction in 1962, and they also have custody of many artifacts and other objects related to St. Damien. Therefore, a new museum is planned to make these artifacts, objects, and educational material available for viewing by the public. Additional office space for church staff and storage space is needed along with increased on-site parking for their parish and visitors.

New facilities would consist of: 1) a new two-story St. Damien Museum (5,500 sf) located along their Kalākaua Avenue frontage; and 2) a new multi-purpose building (9,000 sf floor area) to serve as a redeveloped parish hall, office space, along with providing additional parking (67 stalls). An existing parish hall building will be demolished. The project is not expected to have significant direct or indirect impacts on the environment. A burial treatment plan was approved by the O‘ahu Island Burial Council, and no significant secondary or cumulative impacts are expected.