

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest	Heritage Attribute
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Situation within a cluster of Catholic community and worship-related properties</li> </ul>

## 8.0 STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

### ***Introduction and Description of Property***

3718 Netherby Road is a one storey brick Roman Catholic church that was constructed in 1849. The subject is located within a Catholic system cluster that includes worship related buildings and is associated with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Cemetery located eastward.

### ***Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest***

**3718 Netherby Road contains a representative example of a place of worship built in the Gothic Revival architecture style.**

The one-storey rectangular shaped plan frame building has a front gable roof with return eaves, a symmetrical façade with a two-storey belltower with octagonal spire, all typically associated with the Gothic Revival style as applied to places of worship. Additionally, the symmetrical composition, tall, pointed arch window and door openings, formal front entrance with stained glass are elements that further support the Gothic Revival ecclesiological architecture.

**3718 Netherby Road is associated with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toronto and later St. Catharines as St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, which was established in Snyder in 1849.** The community of Snyder, then known variously as Black Creek or New Germany, was predominately a monolingual German-speaking community, which proved a challenge to Catholic circuit priests and ecumenical visits to the settlement were rare. In 1848, construction of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church commenced under the supervision of the Jesuits, who operated the parish at various times between 1849 and 1880, when control of the parish was assumed by the Carmelite Fathers until 1946. The first resident priest at the church was Father John Marvyn, who served from 1957 and 1967.

A cemetery has been associated with the church since at least the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Many of the oldest stones are inscribed in German, and the oldest visible date on the tombstones is April 8, 1848. However, a cemetery committee did not organize until 1953, and additional land for the cemetery was acquired in the late 1960s and early 1970s. A Parish Hall was built in 1926, St. Joseph's Catholic School at 3650 Netherby Road was built in 1954, a rectory was constructed in 1958, and the church was reclad in brick in 1969. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church continues operating as a house of worship in the community of Snyder, a purpose it has served for 175 years.

**3718 Netherby Road is important in supporting the character of the surrounding area.** The surrounding streetscape includes a variety of early 19<sup>th</sup> century to late 20<sup>th</sup> century buildings exhibiting a mix of styles and finishes, within this is a cluster of four contiguous properties that are all affiliated with the Catholic church congregation in the area. This intact cohesive cluster of Roman Catholic community and worship related buildings include: the subject church (1849), the Parish Hall (1926), the Rectory (replaced in 1958), the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Cemetery, all situated along the north side of Netherby Road, with the St. Joseph's Catholic School at 3650 Netherby Road (1954) which is in relative proximity to the cluster. This cluster exhibits components indicative of an active and intact Catholic community in the area, and 3718 Netherby

Road is important in defining this area providing a sense of place and identity represented tangibly in the buildings and cemetery as well as intangibly as represented by the collective activities and beliefs of the local Catholic community for the last 175 years in Snyder

**3718 Netherby Road has contextual value as it is historically linked to the adjacent property, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Cemetery.** Historical research shows the oldest legible tombstone represents an 1848 burial, which is contemporary with the establishment and construction of the St. Joseph's church on the subject property. The cemetery is on its own property parcel while remaining an integral part of the functioning Catholic cluster of resources along Netherby Road.

**3718 Netherby Road is a landmark in the hamlet of Snyder.** The subject property is prominently located within the local context comprised of an active and intact Catholic system cluster. The subject building is a one-storey place of worship located near a prominent local intersection and includes a highly visible octagonal spire while being the earliest church to serve the community all of which establish it as a well-known communal marker that is memorable and easily discernable as a place of worship.

### ***Cultural Heritage Attributes***

**3718 Netherby Road contains a representative example of a place of worship built in the Gothic Revival architecture style. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflects this value:**

- One-storey frame Gothic Revival place of worship
- Overall height, form and massing
- Front gable roof with return eaves
- Symmetrical façade and side elevations
- Two-storey belltower with octagonal spire
- All pointed arch openings
- Formal front entrance with pointed arch transom and stained glass
- Situation within a cluster of Catholic community and worship-related properties

**3718 Netherby Road is associated with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toronto and later St. Catharines as St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, which was established in Snyder in 1849. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:**

- One-storey Gothic Revival place of worship
- Overall height, form and massing
- Two-storey belltower with octagonal spire
- Situation within a cluster of Catholic community and worship-related properties

**3718 Netherby Road is important in supporting the character of the surrounding area. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:**

- Overall height, form and massing
- Situation within a cluster of Catholic community and worship-related properties

**3718 Netherby Road has contextual value as it is historically linked to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Cemetery. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:**

- One-storey frame Gothic Revival place of worship
- Situation within a cluster of Catholic community and worship-related properties

**3718 Netherby Road has contextual value as a landmark. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:**

- One-storey frame Gothic Revival place of worship
- Overall height, form and massing
- Two-storey belltower with octagonal spire
- Situation within a cluster of Catholic community and worship-related properties