

BOX 5**Site of Kuroshima's First Church**

The first church in Kuroshima, built in 1879 based on a design by Father Albert Pelloux, was sited in the center of the island for easy access. The present Kuroshima Church is the second church to be built in the same place. It reuses some elements of its predecessor, such as the side altar, which was the main altar of the first church, and the railings of the choir loft, which were the chancel railings in the first church.