

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**  
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026  
PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization  
**Clio Group, Inc.**

1. County  
**Philadelphia**  
5. Present name  
**Church and Rectory**  
**St. Bridget's**

8. property owners name and address  
**Most Reverend Dennis O'Dougherty**  
**1723 Race Street**  
**Philadelphia PA 19129**

9. tax parcel number / other number  
**383044800**

10. U.T.M. zone **118** easting **481314610**

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

northing **4428760**  
usgs sheet: **Germantown Quad**

12. classification  
site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
building (x)  
in N.R. district yes ( ) no ( )

13. date(s) (how determined)  
**1922 (BG)**

14. period  
**1920-1939**

15. style, design or folk type  
**Gothic Revival**

19. original use  
**church**

20. present use  
**church**

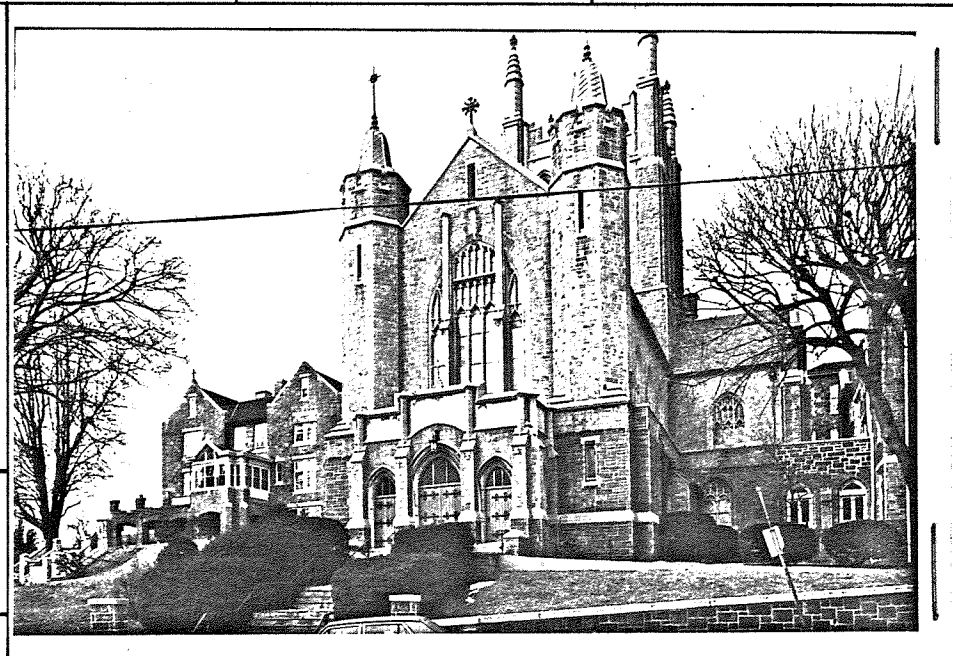
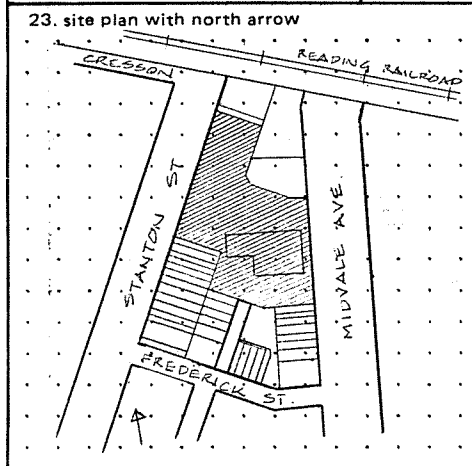
16. architect or engineer  
**George Lovatt**

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construction  
**cut stone, limestone trim**

21. condition  
**above average**

22. integrity  
**excellent**



2. municipality  
**Philadelphia**  
6. other name (historic name if any)

24. photo notation  
**GT-NWP(G) -1-5**

25. file/location

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)

The most dominant landmark of the new East Falls is the immense Catholic church of St. Bridget's, which looms up the hill side site. The church is a sophisticated play on English churches of the 13th century, with truncated octagonal towers flanking the tall volume of the nave, which in turn is pierced by a great leaded glass pointed window. A powerful crossing tower bestrides the intersection of the nave and transept and floods the interior with light. The entrance forms a projecting narthex, articulated by pier buttresses. To the south, set further back is a handsome rectory that follows the major stylistic conventions of the church. Its broad front porch and wall gables follow the suburban pattern of the neighborhood.

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3. street address or specific location  
**3669 Midvale Avenue**

27. history, significance and/or background

The St. Bridget's Church is the major landmark of the arrival of Irish workers into an English stock neighborhood. It is the work of the major Catholic architect of this century (A.I.A. Gold Medal Winner) and forms the most imposing landmark of Midvale Avenue.

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4. survey code  
**027-59400-03669**

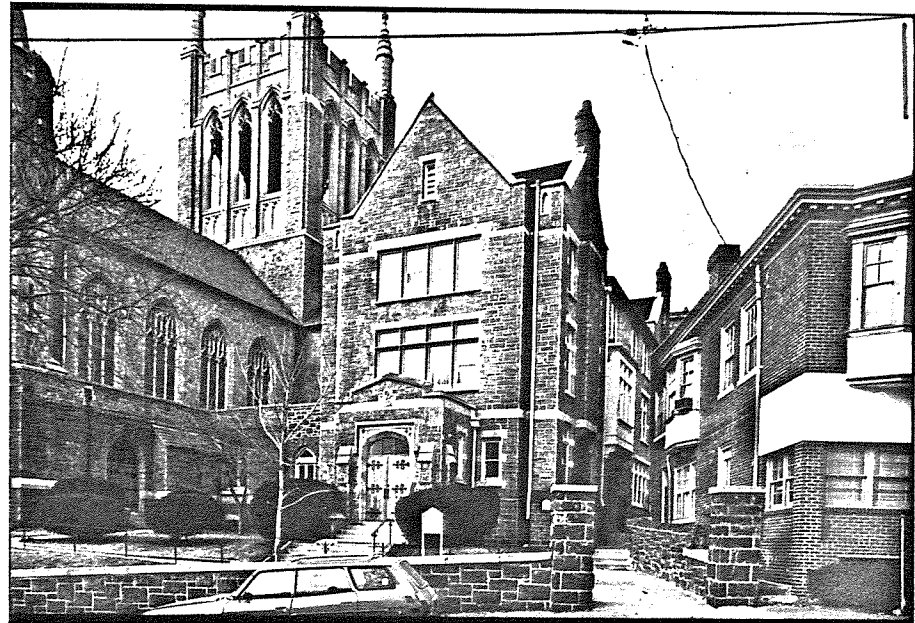
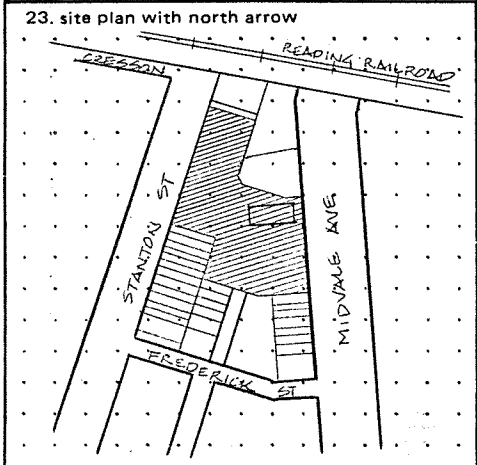
28. sources of information  
**Clio Index: 0023831**

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30. date  
**4/1/83**  
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8. property owners name and address  <b>Reverend Dennis O'Dougherty</b> <b>3669 Midvale Avenue</b> <b>Philadelphia PA 19129</b>		9. tax parcel number / other number  <b>383044800</b>	10. U.T.M. zone <b>118</b> easting <b>48341810</b>  11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  <b>4428760</b> northing  usgs sheet: <b>Germantown Quad</b>
12. classification site ( ) structure ( ) object ( ) building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in N.R. district yes ( ) no ( )	13. date(s) (how determined) <b>1926 (BG)</b>  14. period <b>1920-1939</b>	15. style, design or folk type  <b>Gothic Revival</b>	19. original use <b>church oratory</b>  20. present use <b>church oratory</b>
16. architect or engineer  <b>George Lovatt</b>	17. contractor or builder	18. primary building mat./construction <b>Quarry-faced ashlar,          dressed limestone trim</b>	21. condition <b>above average</b>  22. integrity <b>excellent</b>

1. County  
**Philadelphia**

5. present name  
**St. Bridget's Oratory**



2. municipality  
**Philadelphia**

6. other name (historic name if any)

24. photo notation  
  
**GT-NWP (G)-1-6**

25. file/location

3. street address or specific location  
**3669 Midvale Avenue**

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)

Part of the St. Bridget's complex in material and detail, this stone oratory forms a transition to the smaller buildings at the north end of the site. Stone bearing walls are laid up in small, rough faced blocks, and are trimmed in limestone at belt courses and around major openings. The entrance is through a handsome stone portico, enriched by a gothic doorway and parapet. Wall gables at the front and sides and projecting side bays further enliven this handsome work by the principal Catholic church architect of the day.

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27. history, significance and/or background

Another of the buildings of the imposing St. Bridget's parish group. This continues the detail and palette of materials of the main building, and adds significantly to the site.

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