B - St. Augustine's R. C. Church & Rectory LP-1200

LN

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

August 14, 1980

Ms. Margot Gayle
Victorian Society in America
44 West Ninth Street
New York, New York 10011

Dear Margot:

This is to let you know that we have received letters from you in support of the designation of the following:

✓ St. Augustine's R.C. Church and Rectory LP1200
St. Barbara's R.C. Church LP1201
Church of the Annunciation, Rectory, School and Convent LP1198
New York Avenue Methodist Church LP 1199
Immaculate Conception Church, Convent and Priest' Residence LP1192

Your letters will be made part of the Commission's official record on these items.

Thank you for your interest in these properties and the work of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Kent Barwick
Chairman

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER
The Victorian Society IN AMERICA

44 West Ninth Street, New York, N. Y. 10011 • 212/982-7272

(1200) 0150

RECEIVED
AUG 11 1980
LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

August 4, 1980

President
BILLIE BRITZ

Vice Presidents
GIORGIO CAVAGLIERI
MARGOT GAYLE
SYLVIA NEWMAN
SELMA RATTNER
MARVIN SCHWARTZ

Secretary
SUZANNE WEINSTEIN

Corresponding Secretary
CHARLES CUMMINGS

Treasurer
LORENZO BURROWS

Counsel
STEVEN ANDERSON

Board of Directors
JAN ANDERSON
MARILYN BORDES
JAMES BURKE
ANN COLEMAN
WILLIAM DANE
JAMES FITCH
CHRISTOPHER FORBES
BRENDAN GILL
ROBERT KAUFMANN
JANE LOWENTHAL
PAULINE METCALF
EVELYN ORTNER
DAVID PETTIGREW
DIANNE PILGRIM
CAROLE RIFKIND
MAY STONE
CAROLE TELLER
JOHN YOUNG

Hon. Kent Barwick
Landmarks Preservation
(Commission
305 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: LF 1200
St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
116-130 Sixth Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. ~~Chairman~~ Kent

St. Augustine's Church recommends itself on first glimpse for landmark status. It is a handsomely designed large and richly ornamented building built by and for a wealthy congregation. No skill or fine material was spared in erecting this church and its rectory embowered in verdant landscaping on an ample site.

The rockface brownstone contrasts with columns and details of smooth stone. The several towers including the major square entrance tower are roofed with red tiles with flashings and finials of copper which has weathered to a pleasing green. One tower with tall lancet windows glazed in figured stained glass is topped by a conical roof that terminates with a green statue of the angel Gabriel.

Built in 1890 on one of Brooklyn's most elegant streets the church complements the handsome houses in its vicinity and together all constitute an important turn of the century historic and architecturally strong area. It is certainly supported for landmark designation.

Sincerely,

Margot Gayle
Chairman Landmarks Committee

Park Slope Civic Council Inc

95 St. John's Place
Brooklyn, New York 11217
July 7, 1980

Hon. Kent Barwick
Chairman
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
305 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

Dear Commissioner Barwick:

The History and Landmarks Committee of the Park Slope Civic Council urges that the Landmarks Preservation Commission designate St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church and Rectory, located in Historic Park Slope, Brooklyn.

St. Augustine's Church, along with its rectory, is one of the most beautiful and most architecturally significant of all of Park Slope's many Victorian Churches.

The church and rectory were designed by Brooklyn's own Parfitt Bros., architects important enough to have been invited to submit designs for the construction of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine.

This magnificent structure, with its corner towers, sharply sloping slate roofs, and crown and trumpting angel, and its handsome rectory are well known local landmarks. We urge City-wide designation as well.

For the Committee,

Robert Ohlerking

Robert Ohlerking
Chairman

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

July 21, 1980

Robert Ohlerking Chairman
Park Slope Civic Council
95 St. John's Place
Brooklyn, New York 11217

Dear Mr. ~~Ohlerking~~ Bob:

Thank you for your letter of approval for the proposed designation of St. Barbara's Roman Catholic Church and St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church and Rectory. They were read into the record on July 8, 1980 and have been added to the permanent record on these items.

The Commission appreciates your continuing interest in its activities and knows it can count on you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:ja

Park Slope Civic Council, Inc

95 St. John's Place
Brooklyn, New York 11217
July 7, 1980

Hon. Kent Barwick
Chairman
N.Y.C. Landmarks Preservation Commission
305 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Barwick:

The History and Landmarks Committee of the Park Slope Civic Council supports the designation of St. Barbara's Roman Catholic Church in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

Not only does St. Barbara's Church's fine Baroque Revival structure by Helmle and Huberty, also designers of Prospect Park's Boat House, deserve designation on its architectural merits alone, it also deserves designation because it has served, in the past, as a symbol of elegance in the midst of simplicity, presently serves as a symbol of permanence in a devastated waste land, and will serve as a symbol of curvilinear elegance and exuberance in the midst of soon to be developed unadorned rectangular new housing.

We urge the designation of St. Barbara's Roman Catholic Church.

For the Committee,

Robert Ohlerking

Robert Ohlerking
Chairman

1980 Priority Letter

LP#1200

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

March 7, 1980

Father John Antoncic
St. Augustine's R.C. Church
66-78 Park Place
Brooklyn, New York

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Block 941, Lot 29

Dear Father Antoncic:

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has voted to consider the above for possible landmark designation during calendar year 1980. You will be receiving official notification of the hearing date prior to the calendaring.

The Landmarks Commission was established in 1965 to designate and preserve buildings and areas of architectural, historic, cultural and aesthetic significance. In 1973, its mandate was extended to include scenic areas and interiors regularly accessible to the public. To date, the Commission has designated approximately 560 individual landmarks and 38 historic districts.

Enclosed for your information is a pamphlet describing the Commission and the designation process. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the procedure.

Sincerely yours,

Elinore Norman

Elinore Norman
Executive Director

LN:PS
Enc.

27

ST. AUGUSTINE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Mr. Chairman and honorable members of the Commission.

My name is KEVIN M. KEARNEY. I am attorney for THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

The Diocese is aware of the function of the Landmark Commission and recognizes that there are many sites in the City which have historic significance or are of particular artistic merit or of special interest and worthy of preservation. We generally commend the efforts of the Commission to preserve such sites and compliment it on the work which it has thus far accomplished. However, care must be taken lest in correcting one evil we open a door to others of more serious nature than the one we are seeking to prevent. I disagree emphatically with the statements that from time to time have been made that the use of the property, designated as a landmark, by the owner is not restricted by operation of the Landmark Preservation Law. In the first place, the law itself requires that when a site is selected as a landmark, the Commission must record this information in the Register's Office thus imposing what amounts to a restrictive covenant on

the property which affects the title without any compensation to the owner. Failure on the part of the owner to observe the requirements of the law constitutes a crime, punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

In addition to this - the freedom of the owner to use the property, to alter the building, to demolish the building in furtherance of its work, is subject to the approval of the Commission.

If the Commission intended to treat such applications as mere routine matters and grant them automatically, there is no need to place them before the Commission. On the other hand, if the Commission uses all of the power given to it by this act there certainly are restrictions on the use of the property.

Insofar as the law applies to places of worship, I fear that it comes dangerously close to interference with the free exercise of religion granted under the constitutions of both the United States and the State of New York. The Court of Appeals of this State in a zoning case (Matter of Diocese of Rochester v. Plan. Bd., 1 NY 2d 508 [1956] cited with approval a decision of an out-of-state court (Board of Zoning Appeals v. Wheaton, 118 Ind.App.38) that so far as Roman Catholic parishes are concerned, the law must recognize

that a parish unit consists of a Church, Rectory, School and Convent.

Many changes have occurred in the forms of Catholic worship since Vatican Council II. Significant changes have occurred in the Catholic population of ST. AUGUSTINE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK which dictate further changes to conform to the particular religious needs of the Catholic population of the parish. The Church must be free to conform to such needs without unconstitutional interference of the governmental authorities. Government is in no position to dictate or control the manner or extent that such liturgical accommodations affect the places of worship themselves in structure, appearance or utility.

We feel sure the Landmarks Commission does not wish to become an arbiter of liturgical observance. We submit it has no competence in that sensitive area and we respectfully request that the designation of the buildings of ST. AUGUSTINE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK be withdrawn.

These points were raised in February of 1966 when the Commission proposed St. Augustine's Church and Rectory be given Landmark designation. The Brooklyn Diocese opposed on the grounds set forth herein and the Commission acceded to its request at that time.

Retain this part of the form and pr
at the speaker's table when you com
Commission.

BUILDING St Augustine CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK _____ AGAINST DES

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

NAME KEVIN M. KEARNE

REPRESENTING Roman Catholic

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSIO

BUILDING St Augustine RCC CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK ___ AGAINST DESIGNA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

NAME KEVIN M. KEARNEY

ADDRESS 32 Court St B'

REPRESENTING Roman Catholic D

ADDRESS 75 Greene Av

B'klyn N Y

The top of this form goes to the Cha

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSIO

BUILDING St. Augustines CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK ✓ AGAINST DESIGNA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

NAME Nelta Blondeau

ADDRESS 152 Lincoln Pl.

REPRESENTING Park Slope Civi

ADDRESS 95 St Johns Pl

The top of this form goes to the Cha

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSIO

BUILDING St. Augustine R.C. Church CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK ✓ AGAINST DESIGNA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

_____

NAME Evelyn Ortner

ADDRESS 272 Berkeley PL

REPRESENTING _____

ADDRESS _____

_____

The top of this form goes to the Cha

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSIO

BUILDING ST. AUGUSTINES CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK ✓ AGAINST DESIGNA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

NAME ROBERT OHLERKING

ADDRESS 95 ST. JOHN'S PLACE

REPRESENTING PARK SLOPE CIVIC COUNC
HISTORY AND LANDMARKS

ADDRESS 95 ST. JOHN'S PLACE
BROOKLYN, N.Y. 1121

The top of this form goes to the Cha

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Father John Antoncic
St. Augustine's R.C. Church
66-78 Park Place
Brooklyn, New York

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Block 941, Lot 29

Dear Father Antoncic:

Your name appears as the representative of the owner of the above named property. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 207-12.0 of Chapter 8-A (Preservation of Landmarks and Historic Districts) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, you are hereby notified that on July 8, 1980, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning of that day a public hearing will be held in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, with respect to the proposed designation of the above named property.

Public notice of said hearing identifying the proposed Landmark, and setting forth its location, will appear in the City Record of June 23, 1980, and on each day (other than Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) thereafter until and including July 8, 1980.

You may appear at such public hearing and present any facts and express any views relating to the proposed designation.

Please contact me at 566-7577 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Most Reverend Bishop Francis Mugavero
P.O. Box C
Brooklyn, NY 11202

Re: See list attached.

Dear Bishop Mugavero:

Your name appears as the representative of the owner of the above named properties. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 207-12.0 of Chapter 8-A (Preservation of Landmarks and Historic Districts) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, you are hereby notified that on July 8, 1980, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning of that day a public hearing will be held in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, with respect to the proposed designation of the above named properties.

Public notice of said hearing identifying the proposed Landmarks, and setting forth their locations will appear in the City Record of June 23, 1980, and on each day (other than Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) thereafter, until and including July 8, 1980.

You may appear at such public hearing and present any facts and express any views relating to the proposed designations.

Please contact me at 566-7577 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Block 941, Lot 29

Annunciation R.C. Church Complex
(Church, School, Convent)
North 5th Street, Brooklyn
Block 2339, Lots 1, 39, 41

St. Barbara's R.C. Church
299 Central Avenue, Brooklyn
Block 3306, Lot 6

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Ms. Anita DeMartini
Chairperson
Community Board #6
c/o Board Office
258 Baltic Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: See attached list.

Dear Ms. DeMartini:

The above named site(s) in your district will be considered at Public Hearings starting at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, July 8, 1980, in the Board of Estimate Chambers, City Hall.

The purpose of the Hearing is to ascertain whether the site(s) qualify (qualifies) for Landmark designation, and the Commission would appreciate receiving the views of the Board.

If you have any questions before the Hearing, we will be very glad to answer them. A representative of the Board may want to appear or you may want to send a statement to be read into the record on July 8, 1980.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Leo C. Zefferetti
526 86th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11209

Re: See attached list.

Dear Congressman Zefferetti:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your district.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the property (properties). If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designations, we would read the message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: James F. Farrell House
119 95th Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 6115, Lot 52

St Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Weir Greenhouse/now McGovern-
Weir Greenhouse
750 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 655, Lots 28 and 30

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Michael L. Pesce
356 Court Street
Brooklyn, New York 11231

Re: See attached list.

Dear Assemblyman Pesce:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your district.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the property (properties). If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designations, we would read the message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Vander L. Beatty
670 Sterling Place
Brooklyn, New York

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Dear Senator Beatty:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your district.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the property (properties). If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designations, we would read the message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Howard Golden
Borough President of Brooklyn
Borough Hall
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: See attached list.

Dear Borough President Golden:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your Borough.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the site(s) under consideration. If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designation, we would read your message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: New York Avenue Methodist
Episcopal Church/now Union
Methodist Church
121 New York Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 1214, Lot 2

Annunciation R.C. Church Complex
(Church, School, Convent)
North 5th Street, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 2339, Lots 1, 39, 41

Astral Apartments
178-192 Franklin Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 2540, Lot 1

James F. Farrell House
119 95th Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 6115, Lot 52

St. Barbara's R.C. Church
299 Central Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 3306, Lot 6

St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Weir Greenhouse/now McGovern-
Weir Greenhouse
750 Fifth Avenue,Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 655, Lots 28 and 30

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Vincent Riccio
409 9th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11215

Re: See attached list.

Dear Councilman Riccio:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your Borough.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the site(s) under consideration. If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designation, we would read your message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: New York Avenue Methodist
Episcopal Church/now Union
Methodist Church
121 New York Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 1214, Lot 2

Annunciation R.C. Church Complex
(Church, School, Convent)
North 5th Street, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 2339, Lots 1, 39, 41

Astral Apartments
178-192 Franklin Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 2540, Lot 1

James F. Farrell House
119 95th Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 6115, Lot 52

St. Barbara's R.C. Church
299 Central Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 3306, Lot 6

St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Weir Greenhouse/now McGovern-
Weir Greenhouse
750 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 655, Lots 28 and 30

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Robert S. Steingut
City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: See attached list.

Dear Councilman Steingut:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your Borough.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the site(s) under consideration. If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designation, we would read your message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: New York Avenue Methodist
Episcopal Church/now Union
Methodist Church
121 New York Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 1214, Lot 2

Annunciation R.C. Church Complex
(Church, School, Convent)
North 5th Street, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 2339, Lots 1, 39, 41

Astral Apartments
178-192 Franklin Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 2540, Lot 1

James F. Farrell House
119 95th Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 6115, Lot 52

St. Barbara's R.C. Church
299 Central Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 3306, Lot 6

St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Weir Greenhouse/now McGovern-
Weir Greenhouse
750 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 655, Lots 28 and 30

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Abraham Gerges
111 Court Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: See attached list.

Dear Councilman Gerges:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your district.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the property (properties). If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designations, we would read the message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: Astral Apartments
178-192 Franklin Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 2540, Lot 1

St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

B - St. Augustine's R. C. Church & Rectory LP-1200

LN

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

August 14, 1980

Ms. Margot Gayle
Victorian Society in America
44 West Ninth Street
New York, New York 10011

Dear Margot:

This is to let you know that we have received letters from you in support of the designation of the following:

✓ St. Augustine's R.C. Church and Rectory LP1200
St. Barbara's R.C. Church LP1201
Church of the Annunciation, Rectory, School and Convent LP1198
New York Avenue Methodist Church LP 1199
Immaculate Conception Church, Convent and Priest' Residence LP1192

Your letters will be made part of the Commission's official record on these items.

Thank you for your interest in these properties and the work of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Kent Barwick
Chairman

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER
The Victorian Society IN AMERICA

44 West Ninth Street, New York, N. Y. 10011 • 212/982-7272

(1200) 0150

RECEIVED
AUG 11 1980
LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

August 4, 1980

President
BILLIE BRITZ

Vice Presidents
GIORGIO CAVAGLIERI
MARGOT GAYLE
SYLVIA NEWMAN
SELMA RATTNER
MARVIN SCHWARTZ

Secretary
SUZANNE WEINSTEIN

Corresponding Secretary
CHARLES CUMMINGS

Treasurer
LORENZO BURROWS

Counsel
STEVEN ANDERSON

Board of Directors
JAN ANDERSON
MARILYN BORDES
JAMES BURKE
ANN COLEMAN
WILLIAM DANE
JAMES FITCH
CHRISTOPHER FORBES
BRENDAN GILL
ROBERT KAUFMANN
JANE LOWENTHAL
PAULINE METCALF
EVELYN ORTNER
DAVID PETTIGREW
DIANNE PILGRIM
CAROLE RIFKIND
MAY STONE
CAROLE TELLER
JOHN YOUNG

Hon. Kent Barwick
Landmarks Preservation
(Commission
305 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: LF 1200
St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
116-130 Sixth Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. ~~Chairman~~ Kent

St. Augustine's Church recommends itself on first glimpse for landmark status. It is a handsomely designed large and richly ornamented building built by and for a wealthy congregation. No skill or fine material was spared in erecting this church and its rectory embowered in verdant landscaping on an ample site.

The rockface brownstone contrasts with columns and details of smooth stone. The several towers including the major square entrance tower are roofed with red tiles with flashings and finials of copper which has weathered to a pleasing green. One tower with tall lancet windows glazed in figured stained glass is topped by a conical roof that terminates with a green statue of the angel Gabriel.

Built in 1890 on one of Brooklyn's most elegant streets the church complements the handsome houses in its vicinity and together all constitute an important turn of the century historic and architecturally strong area. It is certainly supported for landmark designation.

Sincerely,

Margot Gayle
Chairman Landmarks Committee

Park Slope Civic Council Inc

95 St. John's Place
Brooklyn, New York 11217
July 7, 1980

Hon. Kent Barwick
Chairman
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
305 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

Dear Commissioner Barwick:

The History and Landmarks Committee of the Park Slope Civic Council urges that the Landmarks Preservation Commission designate St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church and Rectory, located in Historic Park Slope, Brooklyn.

St. Augustine's Church, along with its rectory, is one of the most beautiful and most architecturally significant of all of Park Slope's many Victorian Churches.

The church and rectory were designed by Brooklyn's own Parfitt Bros., architects important enough to have been invited to submit designs for the construction of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine.

This magnificent structure, with its corner towers, sharply sloping slate roofs, and crown and trumpting angel, and its handsome rectory are well known local landmarks. We urge City-wide designation as well.

For the Committee,

Robert Ohlerking

Robert Ohlerking
Chairman

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

July 21, 1980

Robert Ohlerking Chairman
Park Slope Civic Council
95 St. John's Place
Brooklyn, New York 11217

Dear Mr. ~~Ohlerking~~ Bob:

Thank you for your letter of approval for the proposed designation of St. Barbara's Roman Catholic Church and St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church and Rectory. They were read into the record on July 8, 1980 and have been added to the permanent record on these items.

The Commission appreciates your continuing interest in its activities and knows it can count on you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:ja

Park Slope Civic Council, Inc

95 St. John's Place
Brooklyn, New York 11217
July 7, 1980

Hon. Kent Barwick
Chairman
N.Y.C. Landmarks Preservation Commission
305 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Barwick:

The History and Landmarks Committee of the Park Slope Civic Council supports the designation of St. Barbara's Roman Catholic Church in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

Not only does St. Barbara's Church's fine Baroque Revival structure by Helmle and Huberty, also designers of Prospect Park's Boat House, deserve designation on its architectural merits alone, it also deserves designation because it has served, in the past, as a symbol of elegance in the midst of simplicity, presently serves as a symbol of permanence in a devastated waste land, and will serve as a symbol of curvilinear elegance and exuberance in the midst of soon to be developed unadorned rectangular new housing.

We urge the designation of St. Barbara's Roman Catholic Church.

For the Committee,

Robert Ohlerking

Robert Ohlerking
Chairman

1980 Priority Letter

LP#1200

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

March 7, 1980

Father John Antoncic
St. Augustine's R.C. Church
66-78 Park Place
Brooklyn, New York

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Block 941, Lot 29

Dear Father Antoncic:

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has voted to consider the above for possible landmark designation during calendar year 1980. You will be receiving official notification of the hearing date prior to the calendaring.

The Landmarks Commission was established in 1965 to designate and preserve buildings and areas of architectural, historic, cultural and aesthetic significance. In 1973, its mandate was extended to include scenic areas and interiors regularly accessible to the public. To date, the Commission has designated approximately 560 individual landmarks and 38 historic districts.

Enclosed for your information is a pamphlet describing the Commission and the designation process. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the procedure.

Sincerely yours,

Elinore Norman

Elinore Norman
Executive Director

LN:PS
Enc.

27

ST. AUGUSTINE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Mr. Chairman and honorable members of the Commission.

My name is KEVIN M. KEARNEY. I am attorney for THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

The Diocese is aware of the function of the Landmark Commission and recognizes that there are many sites in the City which have historic significance or are of particular artistic merit or of special interest and worthy of preservation. We generally commend the efforts of the Commission to preserve such sites and compliment it on the work which it has thus far accomplished. However, care must be taken lest in correcting one evil we open a door to others of more serious nature than the one we are seeking to prevent. I disagree emphatically with the statements that from time to time have been made that the use of the property, designated as a landmark, by the owner is not restricted by operation of the Landmark Preservation Law. In the first place, the law itself requires that when a site is selected as a landmark, the Commission must record this information in the Register's Office thus imposing what amounts to a restrictive covenant on

the property which affects the title without any compensation to the owner. Failure on the part of the owner to observe the requirements of the law constitutes a crime, punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

In addition to this - the freedom of the owner to use the property, to alter the building, to demolish the building in furtherance of its work, is subject to the approval of the Commission.

If the Commission intended to treat such applications as mere routine matters and grant them automatically, there is no need to place them before the Commission. On the other hand, if the Commission uses all of the power given to it by this act there certainly are restrictions on the use of the property.

Insofar as the law applies to places of worship, I fear that it comes dangerously close to interference with the free exercise of religion granted under the constitutions of both the United States and the State of New York. The Court of Appeals of this State in a zoning case (Matter of Diocese of Rochester v. Plan. Bd., 1 NY 2d 508 [1956] cited with approval a decision of an out-of-state court (Board of Zoning Appeals v. Wheaton, 118 Ind.App.38) that so far as Roman Catholic parishes are concerned, the law must recognize

that a parish unit consists of a Church, Rectory, School and Convent.

Many changes have occurred in the forms of Catholic worship since Vatican Council II. Significant changes have occurred in the Catholic population of ST. AUGUSTINE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK which dictate further changes to conform to the particular religious needs of the Catholic population of the parish. The Church must be free to conform to such needs without unconstitutional interference of the governmental authorities. Government is in no position to dictate or control the manner or extent that such liturgical accommodations affect the places of worship themselves in structure, appearance or utility.

We feel sure the Landmarks Commission does not wish to become an arbiter of liturgical observance. We submit it has no competence in that sensitive area and we respectfully request that the designation of the buildings of ST. AUGUSTINE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK be withdrawn.

These points were raised in February of 1966 when the Commission proposed St. Augustine's Church and Rectory be given Landmark designation. The Brooklyn Diocese opposed on the grounds set forth herein and the Commission acceded to its request at that time.

Retain this part of the form and pr
at the speaker's table when you com
Commission.

BUILDING St Augustine CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK _____ AGAINST DES

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

NAME KEVIN M. KEARNE

REPRESENTING Roman Catholic

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSIO

BUILDING St Augustine RCC CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK ___ AGAINST DESIGNA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

NAME KEVIN M. KEARNEY

ADDRESS 32 Court St B'

REPRESENTING Roman Catholic D

ADDRESS 75 Greene Av

B'klyn N Y

The top of this form goes to the Cha

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSIO

BUILDING St. Augustines CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK ✓ AGAINST DESIGNA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

NAME Nelta Blondeau

ADDRESS 152 Lincoln Pl.

REPRESENTING Park Slope Civi

ADDRESS 95 St Johns Pl

The top of this form goes to the Cha

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSIO

BUILDING St. Augustine R.C. Church CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK ✓ AGAINST DESIGNA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

_____

NAME Evelyn Ortner

ADDRESS 272 Berkeley PL

REPRESENTING _____

ADDRESS _____

_____

The top of this form goes to the Cha

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSIO

BUILDING ST. AUGUSTINES CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK ✓ AGAINST DESIGNA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM _____

NAME ROBERT OHLERKING

ADDRESS 95 ST. JOHN'S PLACE

REPRESENTING PARK SLOPE CIVIC COUNC
HISTORY AND LANDMARKS

ADDRESS 95 ST. JOHN'S PLACE
BROOKLYN, N.Y. 1121

The top of this form goes to the Cha

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Father John Antoncic
St. Augustine's R.C. Church
66-78 Park Place
Brooklyn, New York

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Block 941, Lot 29

Dear Father Antoncic:

Your name appears as the representative of the owner of the above named property. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 207-12.0 of Chapter 8-A (Preservation of Landmarks and Historic Districts) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, you are hereby notified that on July 8, 1980, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning of that day a public hearing will be held in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, with respect to the proposed designation of the above named property.

Public notice of said hearing identifying the proposed Landmark, and setting forth its location, will appear in the City Record of June 23, 1980, and on each day (other than Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) thereafter until and including July 8, 1980.

You may appear at such public hearing and present any facts and express any views relating to the proposed designation.

Please contact me at 566-7577 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Most Reverend Bishop Francis Mugavero
P.O. Box C
Brooklyn, NY 11202

Re: See list attached.

Dear Bishop Mugavero:

Your name appears as the representative of the owner of the above named properties. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 207-12.0 of Chapter 8-A (Preservation of Landmarks and Historic Districts) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, you are hereby notified that on July 8, 1980, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning of that day a public hearing will be held in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, with respect to the proposed designation of the above named properties.

Public notice of said hearing identifying the proposed Landmarks, and setting forth their locations will appear in the City Record of June 23, 1980, and on each day (other than Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) thereafter, until and including July 8, 1980.

You may appear at such public hearing and present any facts and express any views relating to the proposed designations.

Please contact me at 566-7577 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Block 941, Lot 29

Annunciation R.C. Church Complex
(Church, School, Convent)
North 5th Street, Brooklyn
Block 2339, Lots 1, 39, 41

St. Barbara's R.C. Church
299 Central Avenue, Brooklyn
Block 3306, Lot 6

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Ms. Anita DeMartini
Chairperson
Community Board #6
c/o Board Office
258 Baltic Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: See attached list.

Dear Ms. DeMartini:

The above named site(s) in your district will be considered at Public Hearings starting at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, July 8, 1980, in the Board of Estimate Chambers, City Hall.

The purpose of the Hearing is to ascertain whether the site(s) qualify (qualifies) for Landmark designation, and the Commission would appreciate receiving the views of the Board.

If you have any questions before the Hearing, we will be very glad to answer them. A representative of the Board may want to appear or you may want to send a statement to be read into the record on July 8, 1980.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Leo C. Zefferetti
526 86th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11209

Re: See attached list.

Dear Congressman Zefferetti:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your district.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the property (properties). If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designations, we would read the message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: James F. Farrell House
119 95th Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 6115, Lot 52

St Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Weir Greenhouse/now McGovern-
Weir Greenhouse
750 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 655, Lots 28 and 30

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Michael L. Pesce
356 Court Street
Brooklyn, New York 11231

Re: See attached list.

Dear Assemblyman Pesce:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your district.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the property (properties). If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designations, we would read the message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Vander L. Beatty
670 Sterling Place
Brooklyn, New York

Re: St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Dear Senator Beatty:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your district.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the property (properties). If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designations, we would read the message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Howard Golden
Borough President of Brooklyn
Borough Hall
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: See attached list.

Dear Borough President Golden:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your Borough.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the site(s) under consideration. If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designation, we would read your message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: New York Avenue Methodist
Episcopal Church/now Union
Methodist Church
121 New York Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 1214, Lot 2

Annunciation R.C. Church Complex
(Church, School, Convent)
North 5th Street, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 2339, Lots 1, 39, 41

Astral Apartments
178-192 Franklin Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 2540, Lot 1

James F. Farrell House
119 95th Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 6115, Lot 52

St. Barbara's R.C. Church
299 Central Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 3306, Lot 6

St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Weir Greenhouse/now McGovern-
Weir Greenhouse
750 Fifth Avenue,Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 655, Lots 28 and 30

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Vincent Riccio
409 9th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11215

Re: See attached list.

Dear Councilman Riccio:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your Borough.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the site(s) under consideration. If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designation, we would read your message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: New York Avenue Methodist
Episcopal Church/now Union
Methodist Church
121 New York Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 1214, Lot 2

Annunciation R.C. Church Complex
(Church, School, Convent)
North 5th Street, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 2339, Lots 1, 39, 41

Astral Apartments
178-192 Franklin Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 2540, Lot 1

James F. Farrell House
119 95th Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 6115, Lot 52

St. Barbara's R.C. Church
299 Central Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 3306, Lot 6

St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Weir Greenhouse/now McGovern-
Weir Greenhouse
750 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 655, Lots 28 and 30

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Robert S. Steingut
City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: See attached list.

Dear Councilman Steingut:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your Borough.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the site(s) under consideration. If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designation, we would read your message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

LN:bs

Re: New York Avenue Methodist
Episcopal Church/now Union
Methodist Church
121 New York Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 1214, Lot 2

Annunciation R.C. Church Complex
(Church, School, Convent)
North 5th Street, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 2339, Lots 1, 39, 41

Astral Apartments
178-192 Franklin Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 2540, Lot 1

James F. Farrell House
119 95th Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 6115, Lot 52

St. Barbara's R.C. Church
299 Central Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 3306, Lot 6

St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

Weir Greenhouse/now McGovern-
Weir Greenhouse
750 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 655, Lots 28 and 30

Brooklyn Clay Retort and Firebrick
Works/now Sucrest Corporation
Beard and Van Dyke Streets, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 604, Lot 16

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

May 27, 1980

Honorable Abraham Gerges
111 Court Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: See attached list.

Dear Councilman Gerges:

On Tuesday, July 8, 1980, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on proposed New York City Landmarks. That day the Commission will consider the designation of the above named site(s) in your district.

The Commission has written to the Community Board(s) and the owner(s) of the property (properties). If you would like to submit a statement about the proposed designations, we would read the message into the record that day.

The Commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Norman

Lenore Norman
Executive Director

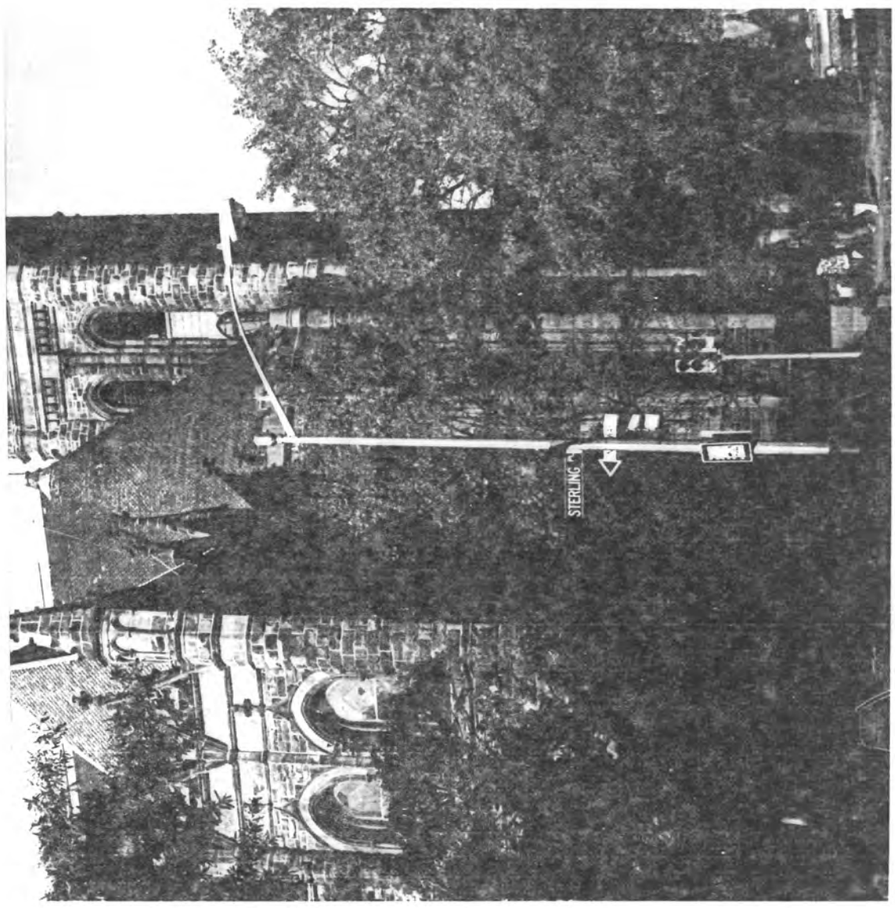
LN:bs

Re: Astral Apartments
178-192 Franklin Street
Brooklyn, New York
Tax Map Block 2540, Lot 1

St. Augustine's R.C. Church
and Rectory
66-78 Park Place, Brooklyn
Tax Map Block 941, Lot 29

St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church
(Cohn Ave. between Sterling and Park Places)

n Catholic Church, 116-130 6th Ave., Parfitt Bros. 1892-92.



445

1. STATE New York
COUNTY Kings
TOWN Brooklyn VICINITY
STREET NO. 6th Ave. Bet. Stirling Pl. and Park Pl.
ORIGINAL OWNER St. Augustine's Church. R.C.
ORIGINAL USE Church
PRESENT OWNER Same
PRESENT USE Same
WALL CONSTRUCTION Brownstone
NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME ST Augustine's Church, R.C.
DATE OR PERIOD 1886--1892
STYLE ~~English~~ Gothic
ARCHITECT Parfitt Brothers
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC Yes

Block 941 Lot ~~29~~ 30

Brownstone, English Gothic church and fine conforming rectory of the same date (the south bay of the rectory was added in 1905).

The interior has an apse at each end (like German Romanesque); English vaulted bays; white tiercer[illegible]n ribs; elaborate marble altar and reredos in main chaple; equally elaborate in flanking chaples. Handsome polychromy in vault compartments: green leafage and tendrils in sang de boeuf against creamy-greyish background. Grey marble dado in hall. Good stained glass.

The original perspective drawing is extant in the rectory.

School to the rear, built of brick in 1904 by the same architect.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior Excellent Exterior Excellent

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD July, 1962

8-29

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE N.Y.
COUNTY Kings
TOWN Brooklyn VICINITY
STREET NO. ~~64 Park Pl. & 114 6th Ave.~~ 130 Sixth Ave at Sterling Pl. *
ORIGINAL OWNER Brooklyn R.C.Diocese
ORIGINAL USE Parish Church
PRESENT OWNER same
PRESENT USE same
WALL CONSTRUCTION stone
NO. OF STORIES 1 & basement

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME St Augustine's R.cC. Church + Rectory *
DATE OR PERIOD 1888-92
STYLE ~~German~~ Edwardian Gothic ~~Revival~~
ARCHITECT Parfitt Bros.
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC yes

Block 941 Lot 29 30

*The Rectory at 116 6th Ave. is of the same date with an addition about 1905. The school was built in 1904 and its address is 49 Sterling Pl. and the High School at 64 Park Pl.sx

In the church office there is an excellent architect's perspective drawing of the whole complex of buildings which convers quite a large area.

The design of the church is unusuallyinteresting because the German form of mediaeval church with double apse is used.

The entrances to the church are on either side of the West apse.

The interior has English Gothic vaulting with tiercerons.

There is an elaborate altar and rededos in the chancel and in the side chapels.

The stained glass is representative of the period.

There is a marble dado and the walls are painted creamy gray; the polychromy in the vaults is handsome and recently redone (1963) with a cream background and sangue de boeuf leafage.

The original pews are still in use.

The whole building both inside and out is in excellent condition.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior excellent Exterior excellent

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
Church Records

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
James Grote Van Derpool
1963
DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

ST AUGUSTINE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND RECTORY, 116-130 Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn.

St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church and Rectory are an acclaimed pair of ecclesiastical buildings. Located in the heart of Park Slope, just outside of the Historic District, the church, with its tall corner tower and conical steeple, is a prominent structure, visible from a great distance. The church and rectory were designed in 1888 by Parfitt Bros., one of the major architectural firms active in Brooklyn during the late 19th century.

St. Augustine's Church is a Gothic Revival style structure designed with an eclectic combination of European Gothic elements. The most unusual feature of the church is its double apse, a form derived from German architecture. Also notable are the corner towers, elongated pointed-arched windows, steep sloping roofs with slate tiles, and the trumpeting angel perched on top of the Sixth Avenue apse. The free-standing rectory, with its rock-faced stone front, projecting entrance porch, round corner tower, and crenelated parapet, complements the larger church building.

Form 10-445
(5/62)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE New York
COUNTY Kings
TOWN Brooklyn VICINITY
STREET NO. 6th Ave. Bet. Stirling Pl. and Park Pl.
ORIGINAL OWNER St. Augustine's Church. R.C. & Rectory
ORIGINAL USE Church
PRESENT OWNER Same
PRESENT USE Same
WALL CONSTRUCTION Brownstone
NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME ST Augustine's Church, R.C.
DATE OR PERIOD 1886--1892
STYLE ~~English~~ Gothic Little Gothic
ARCHITECT Parfitt Brothers
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC Yes

Block 941 Lot ~~29~~ 30

Brownstone, English Gothic church and fine conforming rectory of the same date (the south bay of the rectory was added in 1905).

The interior has an apse at each end (like German Romanesque); English vaulted bays, white tiercerón ribs; elaborate marble altar and reredos in main chaple; equally elaborate in flanking chaples. Handsome polychromy in vault compartments: green leafage and tendrils in sang de boeuf against creamy-greyish background. Grey marble dado in hall. Good stained glass.

The original perspective drawing is extant in the rectory.

School to the rear, built of brick in 1904 by the same architect.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior Excellent Exterior Excellent

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD July, 1962

5409

Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE N.Y.
COUNTY Kings
TOWN Brooklyn VICINITY
STREET NO. ~~64 Park Pl. & 114 6th Ave.~~ 130 Sixth Ave at Sterling Pl. *
ORIGINAL OWNER Brooklyn R.C.Diocese
ORIGINAL USE Parish Church
PRESENT OWNER same
PRESENT USE same
WALL CONSTRUCTION stone
NO. OF STORIES 1 & basement

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME St Augustine's R.C. Church + Rectory *
DATE OR PERIOD 1888-92
STYLE ~~German~~ Gothic Revival
ARCHITECT Parfitt Bros.
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC yes

Block 941 Lot ~~29~~ 30

*The Rectory at 116 6th Ave. is of the same date with an addition about 1905. The school was built in 1904 and its address is 49 Sterling Pl. and the High School at 64 Park Pl.sx

In the church office there is an excellent architect's perspective drawing of the whole complex of buildings which convers quite a large area.

The design of the church is unusuallyinteresting because the German form of mediaeval church with double apse is used.

The entrances to the church are on either side of the West apse.

The interior has English Gothic vaulting with tiercerons.

There is an elaborate altar and rededos in the chancel and in the side chapels.

The stained glass is representative of the period.

There is a marble dado and the walls are painted creamy gray; the polychromy in the vaults is handsome and recently redone (1963) with a cream background and sangue de boeuf leafage.

The original pews are still in use.

The whole building both inside and out is in excellent condition.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior excellent Exterior excellent

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
Church Records

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
James Grote Van Derpool
1963
DATE OF RECORD

S439

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Form 10-445
5-62)

1. STATE N.Y.
COUNTY Kings
TOWN Brooklyn VICINITY
STREET NO. ~~64 Park Pl. & 114 6th Ave.~~ * 130 [illegible]

ORIGINAL OWNER Brooklyn R.C.Diocese
ORIGINAL USE Parish Church
PRESENT OWNER same
PRESENT USE same
WALL CONSTRUCTION stone
NO. OF STORIES 1 & basement

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME St Augustine's R.C. Church + Rectory *
DATE OR PERIOD 1888-92
STYLE ~~German~~ Gothic ~~Revival~~
ARCHITECT Parfitt Bros.
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC yes

Block 941 Lot ~~29~~ 30

*The Rectory at 116 6th Ave. is of the same date with an addition about 1905. The school was built in 1904 and its address is 49 Sterling Pl. and the High School at 64 Park Pl.sx

In the church office there is an excellent architect's perspective drawing of the whole complex of buildings which covers quite a large area.

The design of the church is unusuallyinteresting because the German form of mediaeval church with double apse is used.

The entrances to the church are on either side of the West apse.

The interior has English Gothic vaulting with tiercerons.

There is an elaborate altar and rededos in the chancel and in the side chapels.

The stained glass is representative of the period.

There is a marble dado and the walls are painted creamy gray; the polychromy in the vaults is handsome and recently redone (1963) with a cream background and sangue de boeut leafage.

The original pews are still in use.

The whole building both inside and out is in excellent condition.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior excellent Exterior excellent

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
James Grote Van Derpool

DATE OF RECORD
1963

5439

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION ARE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE New York
COUNTY Kings
TOWN Brooklyn VICINITY
STREET NO. 6th Ave. Bet. Stirling Pl. and Park Pl.
ORIGINAL OWNER St. Augustine's Church. R.C.
ORIGINAL USE Church
PRESENT OWNER Same
PRESENT USE Same
WALL CONSTRUCTION Brownstone
NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME ST Augustine's Church, R.C.
DATE OR PERIOD 1886--1892
STYLE ~~English~~ Gothic
ARCHITECT Parfitt Brothers
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC Yes

Block 941 Lot ~~29~~ 30

Brownstone, English Gothic church and fine conforming rectory of the same date (the south bay of the rectory was added in 1905).

The interior has an apse at each end (like German Romanesque); English vaulted bays; white tiercerian ribs; elaborate marble altar and reredos in main chaple; equally elaborate in flanking chaples. Handsome polychromy in vault compartments: green leafage and tendrils in sang de boeuf against creamy-greyish background. Grey marble dado in hall. Good stained glass.

The original perspective drawing is extant in the rectory.

School to the rear, built of brick in 1904 by the same architect.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior Excellent Exterior Excellent

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

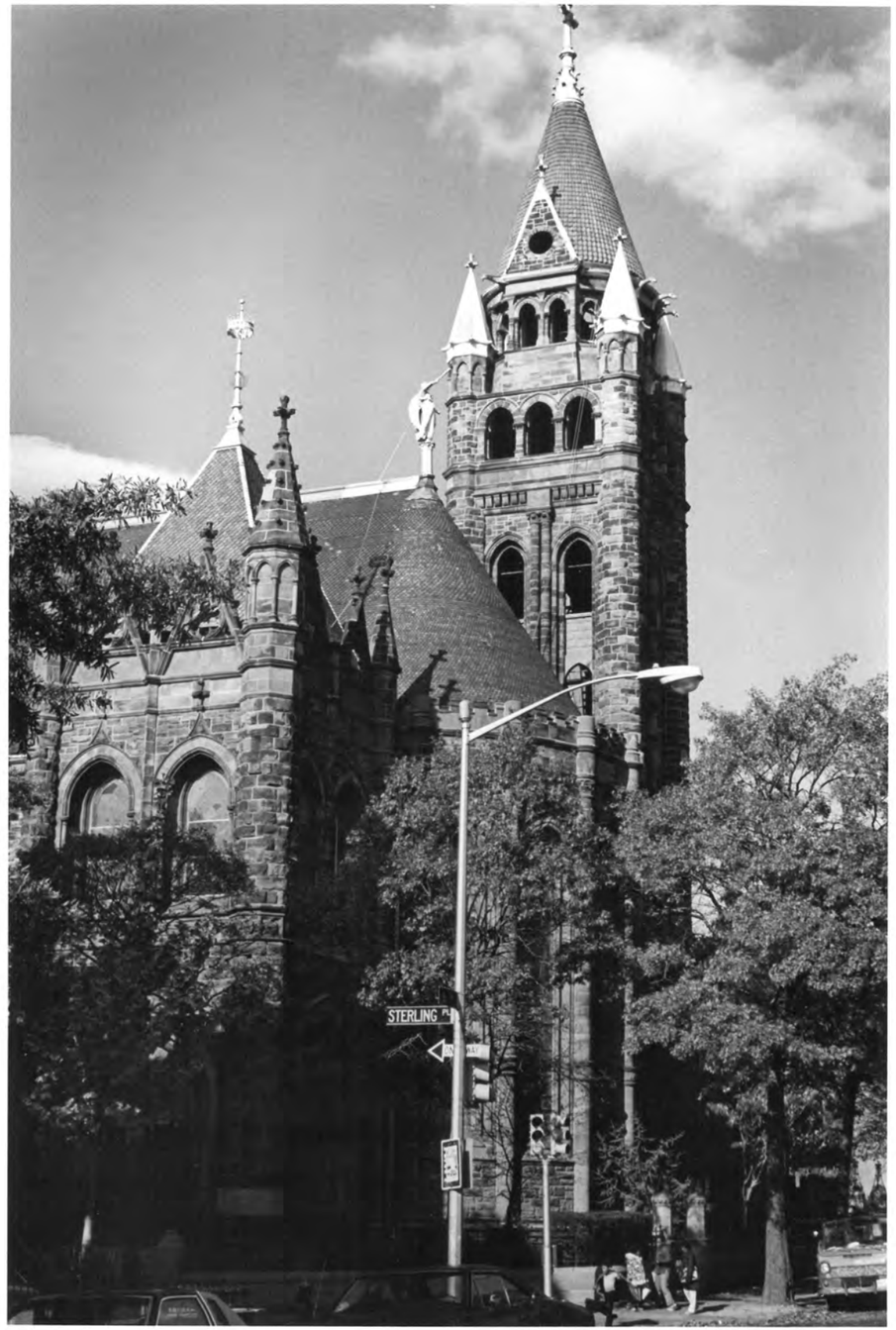
7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD July, 1962

5-39


STERLING