Chapel of the Intercession Vicarage

Individual Landmark 540 West 155th Street Designation Date: August 16, 1966



Chapel of the Intercession Vicarage. Photo by Lorraine Colbert.

This vicarage is an integral part of the group of buildings adjoining the Chapel of the Intercession. The building is a spacious house connected to the chapel by a handsome cloister surrounding a small inner courtyard. It is constructed of the same materials as the chapel, but while the chapel is basically Perpendicular Gothic, the vicarage is a fine expression in stone of domestic Tudor architecture.

A massive chimney dominates the gable end of this vicarage on West 55th Street. Beside it is a handsome segmental-arched doorway, connected continuously by panels with the two windows above it. Here, as in the two-story bay window on the north wall, the use of smoothsurfaced dressed stone contrasts handsomely with the rough-textured stone of the walls. Slate roofs, similar to those on the chapel, are used for the picturesque gabled roof and provide another shade in the subtle range of muted colors.

The NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission recognizes that the landmark on the property in question (and the landmark site) is wholly used for religious and directly related charitable purposes by Trinity Parish, and that the needs of Trinity Parish for such uses may change in the future, entailing alterations in the existing structures, or the creation of other structures on the landmark site. By this designation of the landmark above described and the landmark site on which it is located, it is not intended to freeze the structure in its present state, or to prevent future appropriate alterations needed to meet changed requirements of use for religious and directly related charitable purposes.

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