Supplemental information provided by nominator to the Philadelphia Historical Commission regarding the nomination for 1301 W. Hunting Park Avenue
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Philadelphia Historical Commission
ATTENTION: MEREDITH KELLER

re: Reconsideration of criterion (e) and submission of eight (8) photographs for 1301 West Hunting Park Avenue

Dear Ms. Keller:

Through the courtesy of Councilman Mark Squilla's office, I am submitting the following:

1. eight (8) photographs of the above-named property, the "Sacred Heart Home";
2. Two (2) pages to the narrative for reconsideration to retain criterion (e) as to the significance of architects Gleeson & Mulrooney in the development of Northeast Philadelphia's Roman Catholic population;
3. Four (4) pages of Gleeson & Mulrooney's designs; and,

Please forward this information to the Commissioners timely so that this building may attain historical designation.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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20 pp. to follow.
SACRED HEART HOME: 1301 W. Hunting Park Ave.
South aspect of facade. (David Traub, 2021)
Sacred Heart Home
1301 West Hunting Park Avenue

South side (facade) on West Hunting Park Avenue: Main entrance.
(David Traub photo, 2021)
Perspective looking northeast:

- Projecting entrance.
SACRED HEART HOME: 1301 W. Hunting Park Ave.  

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Detail of west wing from south (Hunting Park Ave.) side.  
(David Traub photo, 2021)
SACRED HEART HOME: 1301 West Hunting Park Avenue

North side extension (detail) CHAPEL

(Traub, 2021)
Northwest corner and north side (rear) of building.

(David Traub photo, 2021)
David Traub photo (August, 2021) shows widest possible view from Hunting Park Avenue, looking northeastward, demonstrating the building's elevated position from street level.

Also visible are the differences in each floor, indicating designated medical, residential or public areas.

The landscaped grounds are well-maintained at this Project Home site for substance abuse treatment.
ADDENDUM to SACRED HEART HOME: 1301 West Hunting Park Avenue:
(e) re: GLEESON & MULROONEY, architects of property/resource.

Tatman and Moss had produced a six(6) page list of projects on the architectural firm, Gleeson & Mulrooney "(fl.1923-1958)" which holds many Catholic projects spanning Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware Counties), and the states of Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and Commonwealth of Virginia. For the immediate purposes to support SACRED HEART HOME, the project list also notes a majority of projects by this firm for newly created Catholic parishes in Northeast Philadelphia from the inter-war period, to post-World War II when more residential housing had attracted young families to where farmlands had transformed into developments of long rows of attached homes.

In City as well as Archdiocesan history, it is important to mention that real estate broker (and Philadelphia legend) Albert M. Greenfield's close relationship with Cardinal Dennis Dougherty from the 1920s to the Cardinal's death in 1951 was the basis for the Archdiocese to acquire huge tracts of land for nearly twenty (20) parishes to form. Within this growth and expansion, Gleeson and Mulrooney's designs for Catholic schools, with the teaching Sisters' convents, impacted local significance. Catholic education became more organized on a national level: The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) formed in 1904 and Catholic education increased "900 per cent from 1920 and 1963," according to The New Catholic Encyclopedia (1967). As one of the largest dioceses in the United States and where Roman Catholic High School set the standards for elementary as well as secondary Catholic education, the work commissioned for Gleeson and Mulrooney for these new parishes in Northeast Philadelphia during this period are relevant. Institutional architecture for Catholic schools at this time was to rival public schools, while keeping within state guide-
lines.

Unlike architects who designed Catholic schools in the 19th century, by the 1910s and 1920s, coeducational elementary parochial schools became the norm in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This meant different designing of the building: no separate Boys entry or section of classrooms from the respective Girls'. Gleeson and Mulrooney's numerous designs for Catholic elementary, secondary schools, academies and colleges also required technical skills on new mechanical systems for mid-century buildings, such as improved utilities and especially fireproofing the buildings. Thus, Gleeson and Mulrooney's technical knowledge aided in constructing buildings for Catholic purposes during this period of growth and modernization while maintaining parallel standards to non-Catholic institutions.

Categorically, Gleeson & Mulrooney's firm specialized in contemporary institutional designs, although Catholic dioceses hired the firm for most of their approximate three decades of activity. Of particular interest are the buildings at 1701 Spring Garden Street (formerly the Wills Eye Hospital) and "Byberry" the Philadelphia State Mental Hospital, another Northeast Philadelphia location. There are few churches designed by this firm, and they are outside of Pennsylvania, evidently recommendations from local clergy about the quality of Gleeson & Mulrooney's work.

Gleeson & Mulrooney were the likely choice of institutional architectural firm for the Sacred Heart Home in about 1950, with their long list of accomplishments--especially in Northeast Philadelphia--for an updated hospice care facility. Photographs of some of Gleeson & Mulrooney's designs follow for better understanding of their work in this period of growth for Northeast Philadelphia.

Celeste A. Morello, MS, MA
September, 2021
Gleeson & Mulrooney (fl. 1923-1958)
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Below, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) building, noted as the first project in Gleeson & Mulrooney's "pab" site is part of the Spring Garden Historic District. Attributed to Gleeson & Mulrooney, the 1939 building carries classical motifs which the architects maintain in many of other designs.
The Order, St. Francis de Sales (Salesians) had charge of the Northeast Catholic High School for Boys since the mid-1920s; the building is a Gleeson & Mulrooney design, which accounts for why numerous commissions followed from what is seen here.
St. Bernard's School (1929) called for the separation of Boys from Girls in the design; by 1954, for Roxborough's Immaculate Heart of Mary School, the firm designed for coeducation. Note similarities to the Sacred Heart Home (1951) at the facade.

St. Bernard's is in Northeast Philadelphia.
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