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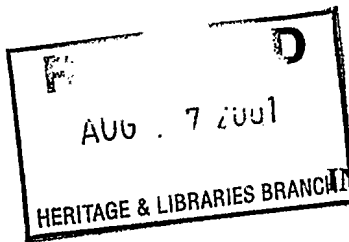


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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
106 KING STREET EAST  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

The Very Reverend Douglas Stoute  
Rector, St. James Cathedral  
And Dean of Toronto Vestry Office  
65 Church Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5C 2E9

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, at its meeting held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 106 King Street East (St. James Parish House and Diocesan Centre) (Toronto Centre-Rosedale) (Ward 28).

**Short Statement of Reasons for Designation**

The property at 106 King Street East (St. James' Parish House and Diocesan Centre) is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Located behind St. James' Cathedral, the Parish House was completed in 1910 as the centre for parish activities. The prominent Toronto architects, Darling and Pearson, prepared the plans. In 1958, architects Mathers and Haldenby designed the Diocesan Centre at the east end of the Parish House. As part of the project, portions of the north and south walls and the entire east wall of the Parish House were removed, and a pair of entrance doors was added to the north wall. The interiors of the Parish House and the Diocesan Centre are excluded from the Reasons for Designation.

St. James' Parish House is designed in the Neo-Gothic style, popular after 1900. Rising 2½ stories, the building is clad with buff brick and trimmed with stone, brick and wood. A cross-gable roof with brick chimneys has wall dormers on the west and north. Beneath the eaves, the dormers are linked by continuous stone sills and separated by a course of corbelled brick. The west, north and south walls have flat-headed window openings with stone surrounds and quoins. The openings range from single to five-part windows, some with stone mullions and transoms. The west and north walls are divided into bays by brick buttresses. The west façade has frontispieces near the north and south ends of the wall. The main entrance on Church Street is elevated in the south frontispiece. Double wood doors are placed in a


stone surround with an entablature, brackets and a nameplate. On the north wall, two Tudor-arched stone surrounds contain pairs of wood doors, religious shields and quatrefoil motifs. The south wall continues the pattern of window openings and detailing from the west façade, while the east wall abuts the Diocesan Centre.

The Diocesan Centre complements the Parish House with its three-storey height, buff brick cladding and stone detailing. The north façade features a pair of entrances, flat-headed tripartite window openings, and two oriel windows. The pattern of flat-headed window openings continues on the east and south walls.

St. James' Parish House and Diocesan Centre are located on the southeast corner of Adelaide Street East and Church Street in the St. James' Cathedral precinct. A masonry and cast iron fence, designed by Sir Casimir Gzowski in 1875, marks the Church Street edge of the property. The Parish House is historically and contextually important in its relationship to St. James' Cathedral. Architecturally, the Parish House is an excellent example of Neo-Gothic styling by a significant Toronto architectural firm. The Diocesan Centre complements it in height, materials and detailing.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Administrator, Toronto East York Community Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2 within thirty days of the 13<sup>th</sup> of August, 2001, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 13th day of August, 2001.

  
for Jeffrey A. Abrams  
Acting City Clerk

  
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