

Church of the Nativity
210 Oak Grove Avenue
Menlo Park
San Mateo County
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE California	COUNTY San Mateo	TOWN OR VICINITY Menlo Park
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Church of the Nativity		HABS NO. CA-1995
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 210 Oak Grove Ave.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1872	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) James.R. Doyle, builder	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A year after the closing of St. Dennis Church, the first Catholic Church in the area, in 1871, this church was built as a mission. It gained the status of a parish church in 1877. The building, originally known as St. Bridget's, is one of the finest wood-framed Gothic Revival churches in the county. The first school classes in Menlo Park were held at this church.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Redwood frame with horizontal siding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 66' (three-bay front) x 131'; originally 36' x 67'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Three-stage square tower with steeple in center of front, gable roof, quatrefoil tracery at eaves, two- and three-stage buttresses, pointed-arch windows.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Hammerbeam truss.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1877-moved from original site at southwest corner of Ringwood Ave. and Middlefield Ave. to a site on Santa Cruz Avenue; 1878- moved to present site; 1887-church put on brick foundations, sanctuary and sacristies enlarged; 1900-rose window installed.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places. Dorothy F. Regnery, <u>An Enduring Heritage</u> (Stanford: Stanford U. Press, 1976), pp.51-53.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Alison K. Hoagland, HABS	DATE March 1983	

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