

case study: a closer look at Saint Rose of Lima



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St. Rose of Lima • Newtown, CT

Saint Rose of Lima is located at 46 Church Hill Road in the well-known town of Newtown, Connecticut. It is a historic Roman Catholic church under the authority of the Diocese of Bridgeport founded under the patronage of Saint Rose of Lima. When arriving to the campus, you will first notice the Bell Garden of Peace, along with the education buildings. On the far left of campus, you will be welcomed by a paver driveway that brings you to the entrance of Saint Rose of Lima.

The Peace Garden and its surrounding walls serve as a barrier between the public and private realms. Traditional masonry walls line the property while the garden functions as both an entry portal to the church and a container for the

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activities happening on church property. The Peace Garden is well-known in the media as a place for the community and congregation to gather in times of remembrance of the tragedy that struck Newtown in 2012. The Garden serves as a community beacon. The Garden is also used as an outdoor classroom to support outdoor learning for the St. Rose of Lima School on the campus.

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The architect, Peter Newman's, attention to detail and craftsmanship is apparent in all aspects of both projects, from the multiple curved walls and benches in the garden, to the breath-taking entrance of the church, with the four grand pillars framing the three set of double doors. This project adds a significant meaning to the community that joins everyone together in hope for peace across the world.

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