Chestnut Hill College-Historic Complex | 9601 Germantown Avenue | various | 1850-1961. Founded in 1924, Chestnut Hill College is bounded by Germantown Avenue, W. Northwestern Avenue and the Wissahickon Creek. In 1929, Building Magazine described it as “one of the finest group of buildings erected for any educational institution in the entire country.” Significant buildings include the 1903 French Gothic St. Joseph Hall, designed by noted ecclesiastical architect Edwin Forrest Durang. Inside there is a five-story, 95-foot high rotunda complete with a vaulted ceiling, balconies and a stained glass skylight. An observatory is located on the roof and has been in use since the building’s inception.