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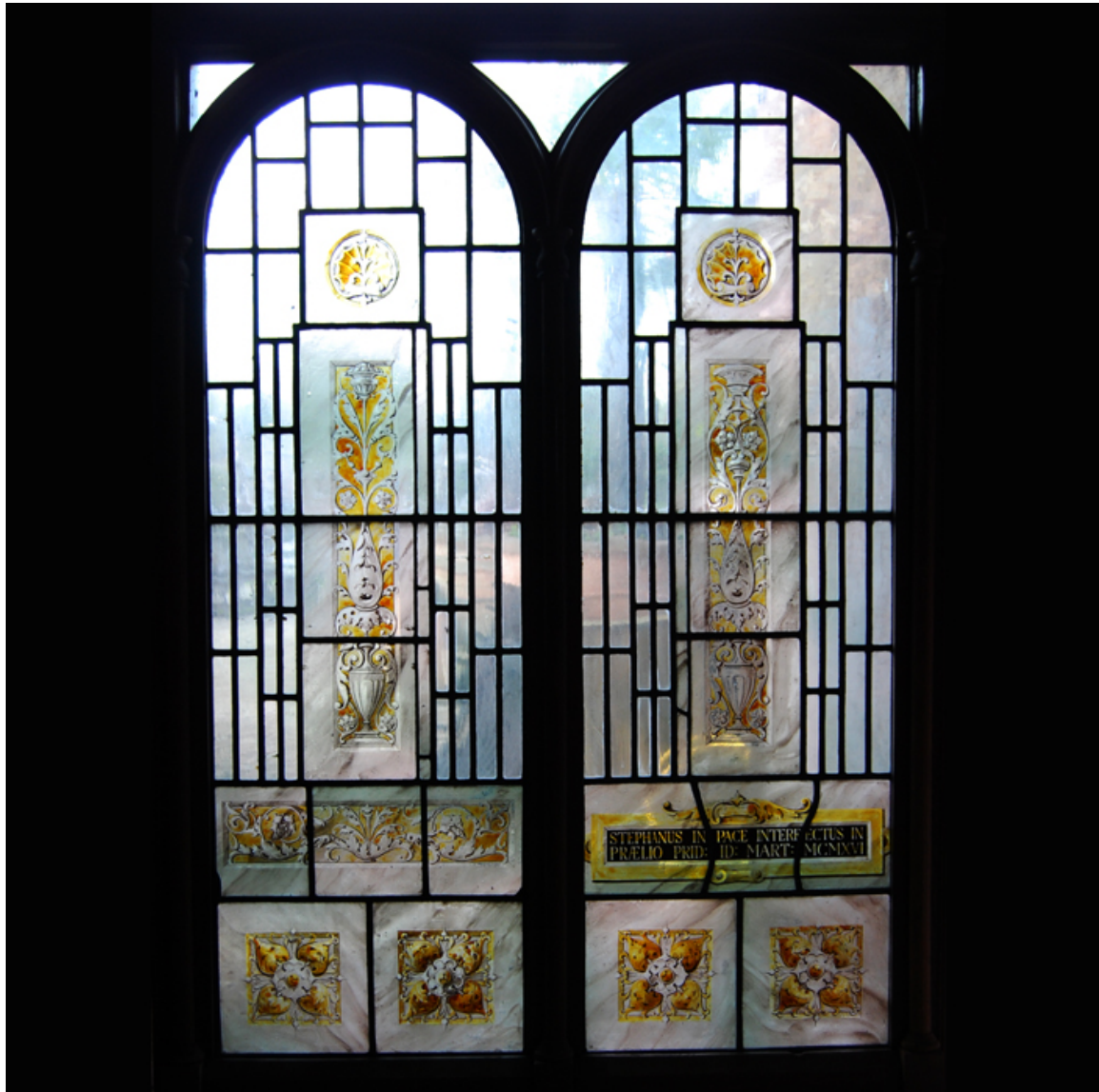
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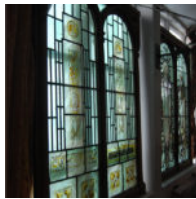


AN PAIR OF EDWARDIAN STAINED GLASS WINDOWS,

framed together, removed from the Bar Convent, York,
each of the leaded panes with arcaded tops, geometrically leaded and centred by decorative
Italianate foliate vase panels above a frieze panel and two patera, one panel bearing a
dedication,

DIMENSIONS: 174.5cm (68^{3/4}") High, 126.58cm (49^{3/4}") Wide, as framed

STOCK CODE: 44272



HISTORY

The Convent of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin at Micklegate Bar, York, better known as The Bar Convent, is the oldest surviving Roman Catholic convent in England, established in 1686. The laws of England at this time prohibited the foundation of Catholic convents and as a result as with others, the convent was both established and operated in secret.



Frances Bedingfeld, a member of the Sisters of Loreto, signed the deeds for the land the convent was to be built upon on 5 November 1686, under the alias Frances Long. Today, The Bar Convent is a popular York destination for tourists and offers bed and breakfast accommodation, meeting rooms, a gift shop, café and museum exhibition about the Convent's history. The stained glass windows were for some some while, having been removed from the chapel during renovations in 2015, on display in the museum.