



Holy Angels Congregation

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To whom it may concern:

From May, 2001 to June, 2002, Holy Angels saw a major renovation of our historic church, built in 1914. Four additions were added to the church to replace all the stairs; the basement was completely gutted and rebuilt; carport, elevator, and all handicap access was added; sacristies and the interior of the church were restructured to add seating; airconditioning was installed. The project cost about \$2.2 million.

In the planning of the project we dealt primarily with Jeff Smies's then partner. But during the bidding and the actual work on the project Jeff was the architect working with the parish building committee and the construction company. Since this was a remodelling of an old building there were many decisions that had to be made as we proceeded. Jeff was present at all the bi-weekly building meetings. He was always available to our building committee, custodian, the project foreman, or the builder to offer solutions or seek advise from consultants. His work was very "hands on" and practical. He had good rapport with our committee and the project manager. He got decisions made and things done in a timely manner. We were certainly pleased with his availability to us and the professionalism of his work.

The parish is very happy with the results of this project. There were some who were concerned about tampering with their "old gem". All and those particularly who were concerned now tell me what a great job the architects did in transforming their historic church into a practical and beautiful contemporary structure. If you have any questions you may call me at 262-334-3038.

In Christ,

Rev. Gerald Brittain
pastor