



OLD ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH RECTORY

RENOVATION OF RECTORY BUILDING

CLIENT Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church | **LOCATION** Chicago, Illinois (West Loop) | **SIZE** 10,000 sf total; 1,300 sf addition

PROJECT SCOPE

Eckenhoff Saunders has been working with Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church for years and has designed and renovated several buildings on their campus. We were recently tasked with an extensive renovation of the century-old rectory to meet the current and future needs of the church, bring it into code compliance and create a more functional and efficient space. The interior of the existing rectory was demolished, leaving only the front façade and load-bearing walls. Eckenhoff Saunders also expanded the structure to take advantage of vacant space on the lot to accommodate a new chapel for weekday masses.

The program also includes a top-floor residence, which can accommodate up to 3 priests, a large kitchen and dining room for new member dinners, a conference room, and a sacristy that services the adjacent church. The firm also designed several pieces of furniture for the chapel and the large central island in the kitchen. The new rectory is an essential piece of the Old St. Patrick's campus. It provides a significant upgrade in living space for the priest but, most importantly, acts as a community hub for the church and its parishioners.