

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2017 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

All Saints Episcopal Church 4550 N Hermitage Ave Restoration

Recipient: The people of All Saints Episcopal Church

Designed by Chicago architect John C. Cochrane, the church was built in 1883 and served as a key community anchor in Ravenswood. All Saints Church is a rare example of the Stick Style of architecture, and is considered the oldest wood-frame church building in Chicago. The church serves as a distinctive reminder of the period in the late nineteenth century when Ravenswood was a quiet suburban village north of the rapidly growing city of Chicago. By the 1980s, however, the church was threatened with closure after having survived multiple fires and a declining congregation. The dedication of its members, the selection of a new leader and a refocusing of its mission grew the parish and allowed them to take on the challenge of restoring their church. This ambitious project included replacing the wooden foundation with concrete, stabilizing the original bell tower with an innovative system of steel straps and removing 100 years of stucco to reveal the original wood siding. The completed restoration is now an outward reflection of the revitalization of the church's membership and mission over the past 15 years. All Saints Episcopal Church was designated as a Chicago Landmark on December 27, 1982.



historical photo



before



after



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