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JOHN G. WAITE ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS HONORED WITH A 2010 PALLADIO AWARD



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ALBANY, NY – John G. Waite Associates, Architects (JGWA) is the recipient of the 2010 Palladio Award given by Traditional Building and Period Homes magazines. The award was given for the outstanding restoration of the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Palladio Award is designed to honor outstanding achievement in traditional design and recognizes works that enhance the beauty and humane qualities of the built environment through creative interpretation or adaptation of design principles. **JGWA** will be honored with the Palladio Award at the Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference in Chicago, IL on October 21, 2010.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Baltimore Cathedral, built to the design of Benjamin Henry Latrobe between 1806 and 1860, was the first major religious building constructed in America after the adoption of the Constitution as well as the only Roman Catholic cathedral in the United States. By the 1940's the light-filled interior, symbolizing religious freedom, had been transformed by a dozen remodelings, resulting in a darker, more confusing interior.

The restoration, which was one of the most comprehensive undertaken for an American religious building, extended over six years, resulting in a complete transformation of the building. The reintroduction of the historic clear glass windows and 24 skylights in the main dome, along with Latrobe's original paint scheme and furnishings, returned the interior to its original brilliance.

A state-of-the-art HVAC system, located in a new below grade vault, was installed, resulting in a 30% reduction in energy costs. The award acknowledges the project's leadership in applying sustainable practices to the restoration and reuse of a historic building.

Because of original construction errors, the foundations are too shallow to allow for Latrobe's planned undercroft chapel. Underpinning the building and extending the foundations during the restoration allowed for the construction of a chapel and a cathedral museum as part of the restoration.

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JGWA is an Albany architectural firm that is widely recognized for its work with the restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings. The firm has been responsible for the preservation of some of the nation's most significant landmarks and historic public buildings, utilizing sustainable design solutions and state-of-the-art preservation technology. Local projects include the New York State Assembly, West Hall at R.P.I., the Cathedral of All Saints, St. Peter's Church, and the Old Delaware and Hudson Railroad Building (Now SUNY Plaza). For more information about **JGWA** please visit www.jgwaarchitects.com.



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