

Project: **Founder's Chapel & Pope Pius X Chapel**

Washington, D.C. USA



MIA Member Company:

Rugo & Carosi, LLC

Lorton, Virginia

Stone Supplier & Installer, General Contractor

Other Project Team Members:

Architect/Designer: Anthony J. Segreti, AIA

Stone Fabricator: Vicentina Marmi

Restoring two chapels within the magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to their original stature required Rugo & Carosi to dismantle the chapels down to the terra cotta block back-up walls. In the Founder's Chapel, the firm meticulously repaired the Botticino Classico tomb of the Shrine's founder, Bishop Thomas Shahan, replaced damaged marble flooring, and repolished all exposed surfaces and carvings.

Judges' Comments:

"Great Restoration"... "Classic 'old world' beauty restored to better standards than the original project done decades before."

Project: **St. Patrick's Cathedral**

New York City, New York USA

MIA Member Company:

Port Morris Tile and Marble Corp.

Bronx, New York

Stone Installer

Other Project Team Members:

Architect/Designer: Peter Marino & Associates

General Contractor: F.J. Sciamè Construction Co.

Stone Supplier: Santucci and Sons

In the grand cathedral's Lady Chapel, Port Morris was charged with restoring the complex Marble Mosaic floor as closely as possible in both marble type and design to the 19th century original. The work required using 15 differently shaped units, each cut using a water jet system. A new marble Tabernacle stand and Coat of Arms of Pope Leo XIII were also furnished and installed by Port Morris.

Judges' Comments:

"Not often does one get an opportunity to be involved in a project of this magnitude, but when one is given the opportunity and succeeds, a special award is merited."

