

Reference Projects

Church of the Good Shepherd

State College, PA

Building Gross Square Foot Area: 20,000 s.f.

Completion Date: 1992

Contact: Father Bender

With the rapid growth in the 1980's, The Roman Catholic Diocese commissioned the design and construction of a second church in State College. Architect Edward Sövik of Southfield, Minnesota was invited to create an architecturally significant structure to complement the first church, Our Lady of Victory. Mr. Sövik was named "Church Architect of the Century" by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Parfitt/Ling was selected to complete the AE team, with structural, mechanical and electrical engineering expertise.

The church features a voluminous nave, which is flooded with natural daylight through Kalwall clerestories. The congregation is enveloped in conditioned air supplied through a continuous gap at the perimeter of the floor slab. The mechanical system was totally integrated into the architecture, in addition to being completely quiet.

