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The second phase of a three-phase renovation plan has been completed for the 70-year-old St. Joseph's Catholic Cathedral in downtown San Diego. The \$770,000 project included interior lighting in addition to exterior wood and concrete restorations to the building and bell tower, painting, and repairs to upper clerestory windows.

Milestone Reached on Cathedral's Restoration

T.B. Penick and Sons Inc. has completed \$770,000 of restorative work and upgrades to the 70-year-old, 13,415-square-foot St. Joseph's Catholic Cathedral located between Beech Street and Third Avenue in downtown San Diego. This completes the second phase of a three-phase renovation plan for the cathedral.

Second phase improvements included interior lighting in addition to exterior wood and concrete restorations to the building and bell tower, painting, and repairs to upper clerestory windows.

"There was scaffolding in place all around the cathedral for seven months while the work was under way," said Father **Peter Escalante**, a priest at the cathedral. "Now that the work is complete we are receiving all kinds of positive comments and letters from the downtown community."

Phase one restorations, completed last year, included upgrades and improvements to the sanctuary's restrooms and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility including ramp installation and automatic door operating system. Additional phase three improvements for the cathedral are planned in the coming years once fundraising is in place.

Project architects included **Baucentrum Urban Studio** and **domusstudio Architecture**. T.B. Penick & Sons team members included **Luis Gaytan**, construction manager; **Zach Wheeler**, superintendent; **Lindsay Thaxton** and **Susanna Bingham**, project administrators. Major subcontractors included **Mark Sauer Construction**, **Helfers Electric** and **New Image Painting**.