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■ BUILD MASSACHUSETTS AWARDS PROGRAM ■

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Performance Award — Nativity Preparatory School Campus Relocation, Boston

Owner: **Nativity Preparatory
School**
Architect: **CBT Childs Bertman
Tseckares, Inc.**
Contractor: **Richard White Sons,
Inc.**



Photo: Edward Jacoby

Founded in 1990, Nativity Preparatory School is a Jesuit middle school for grades 5 - 8 that is dedicated to providing a quality, tuition-free education to boys of all faiths from low-income families. The School was in leased space and wanted to find a permanent location for their academic pursuits. In essence, the contracting firm took the school under its wing, charmed by the laudable goals of the school. The contractor assisted in scouting out buildings and sites that would work for the school and the firm performed preconstruction services at no charge once the facility was found. As luck would have it, an old timber-framed mill building was donated to the School. They then had sufficient dollars to be able to design and construct the facility to their specific needs. Father Campbell, executive director, articulated the school's needs and since he had never been involved in construction before felt it extremely important that he work with "a team I could trust." Father Campbell continued, "Despite the hurdles of working in a congested residential urban setting with unpredictable environmental, structural, budgeting, scheduling, permitting and community relations issues, the team did what it said it would. This former 100-year old industrial warehouse suits the unique domestic culture of our educational program. We love our building!"