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BUILD OUT

Nativity Preparatory School

FOUNDED IN 1990, THIS JESUIT MIDDLE SCHOOL IS MODELED AFTER Nativity Mission Center in New York City. In 2002, the school moved from a rented facility in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood to an existing mill-type building at 20 Chestnut Ave. in Jamaica Plain.

The relocation required a rehabilitation of the entire building. The resulting design provides an enhanced overall learning environment: classrooms, library, chapel, faculty and administrative offices, gymnasium/auditorium, health office, cafeteria/kitchen, lockers, and all support facilities. Corridors have been designed with recessed areas, seating, and shelves and pin-up space. These spaces encourage interaction among students and also serve as spontaneous, casual learning areas to foster the student/teacher relationship.

The 24,000-square-foot school is nearly double the size of Nativity Prep's previous site. The scope of the exterior renovation includes building envelope rehabilitation, play space, parking site lighting and landscaping.

Name of the project: Nativity Preparatory School

Address of the property: 20 Chestnut Ave., Jamaica Plain

Landlord: Self-Owned and Managed

Build Out Company/Contractor: Richard White Sons, Auburndale

Architect: CBT/Childs Bertman Tseckares, Boston

Size: 24,000 square feet

Cost of Build Out: \$5.6 million

Date Renovation Began: January 2001

Date Renovation Ended: January 2002

