

Media Alert

St. James Cathedral Receives Prestigious Award of Excellence from the Downtown Orlando Partnership

The Downtown Orlando Partnership awarded St. James Cathedral's \$10 million dollar makeover a Golden Brick Award of Excellence for the building's positive impact on the Downtown Development District and contributions towards making downtown Orlando a more exciting, diverse and appealing place to live and work.

Bishop John Noonan and Antonio Aguerrevere, Senior Director of Design and Construction Services for the Diocese of Orlando accepted the award on behalf of the project team during the ceremony on April 7 at the Sheraton Orlando Downtown Hotel.

The St. James Cathedral renovation, restoration and expansion project began on July 6, 2009 and ended on November 20, 2010 with the cathedral's dedication.

"This cathedral of St. James is built as a testament of faith of the priests and people of Orlando - a faith whose foundation is based on the word of God and the teaching of the Church of Jesus Christ. This cathedral is a beacon of hope to all people - welcoming the stranger, the forsaken, the suffering to come and pray to the almighty God of all consolation," said Bishop Noonan.

The award ceremony's keynote speaker was Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer.