

ST. JUDE'S CATHEDRAL

Project	St. Jude's Cathedral
Location	Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada
Service	Full A/E Services
Process	Design/Construction Management
Value	\$5.6M CAD
Status	In Construction

Currently the focus of a significant fundraising campaign by the Anglican Diocese of the Arctic, the new St. Jude's Cathedral has been designed to replace a cultural and religious icon that was destroyed by fire in 2004.

The design of the new Cathedral was taken from the concept of the original Cathedral, the Inuit snow house, "The Igloo". The original design was examined and discussed with the Bishop's Cathedral Building Committee, members of the St. Jude's Vestry and members of the Diocese of The Arctic. Every effort has made to understand, inform and work with the natural progression of the Anglican Service. Issues of Procession and special services and the movements of people during worship were critical aspects of the design. The spaces flow into each other to promote the logical and functional movement of the parishioners.

Configured to hold a congregation of 400 with provisions for a future 100 person balcony, the domed body of the church is fronted by a Narthex

(gathering/meeting/entry space) of an ascending vaulted form that leads visually and conceptually up the "heavens" via the large lantern skylight at the oculus. This lantern element also serves as a seasonal natural ventilation stack and as a lit "beacon" when the sun goes down.

The Cathedral has an extended construction schedule to accommodate funds as they are available. Thus far the project has seen the installation of thermosyphons on site with pouring of concrete slab on grade and foundations set for Summer 2008.



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