

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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St. Anthony Catholic Church Officially Listed in the National Register of Historic Places

Des Moines, IA – After a journey of about two years, St. Anthony Catholic Church in Des Moines Iowa has been approved to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Last March the State of Iowa Review Committee from a unanimous vote sent the application forward to Washington D.C and received approval as of July 20, 2021 by the National Parks Service. It was added *because of its outstanding design as a Lombardy Romanesque Revival church.*

Monsignor Chiodo, pastor at St. Anthony spearheaded the effort to enshrine for generations to come the deep-rooted Italian heritage the early immigrants brought to Des Moines. The church recently published a book written by Mary Quinn, a departed lifelong parishioner with its historical roots and information about the building of a missionary church. Monsignor Chiodo commented, *“Having been born and raised in St. Anthony’s parish and now its pastor, I am personally proud of the important significance of the parish to the city of Des Moines, the Diocese of Des Moines, and the entire nation.”*

Notable Historical Data About St. Anthony Catholic Church:

- Parish was started in 1906 as an Italian Missionary Church. Importance due to the large immigration of Italians in the early 1900's due to the railroads.
- Described by the Register and Tribune as one of the most beautiful Lombardy Romanesque Revival Architectures in Iowa. Has maintained its traditional and reverential style.
- First church that went through the celebration of Consecration in the Des Moines Diocese.
- At one time the largest parish in the Des Moines Diocese with the largest parochial school.

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