



St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
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Letter of Recommendation

Please regard this as a letter of recommendation for A.E.M. Architects and Mr. Thomas P. Kase for their excellent service to St. Ignatius Loyola School and Parish over the past 15 years. Mr. Kase was the principal architect on four major capital projects on our campus that totaled \$7.5M.

These projects involved both new and renovated building design of our regional elementary education center, our church, and our rectory. In each case, Mr. Kase led us through the needs analysis and feasibility study phases with patience and constructive questions and comments. From concept to final design, he continually counted on our input and involvement, which kept later surprises to a minimum.

He was an active participant in design review meetings with the Diocesan Building Committee and managed our construction bidding processes in a very fair and professional manner. We used competitive bidding on two projects and a design-build approach on the others, and Mr. Kase handled the various interface issues with skill in each case.

He and his firm successfully oversaw the construction, and resolved design intent and billing issues very quickly. Prompt action allowed our projects to come in "on time and on budget." None of our operational plans had to be delayed.

AEM's and Mr. Kase's professional experience has largely been in the area of schools. We would certainly request his aide on any future projects we might undertake.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. James A. Treton
Pastor