

The Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati presents:

The Lord was my Client: Church Architecture of Edward J. Schulte. A free two-day program

April 17-18, 2010



Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati program on premier church architect Edward J. Schulte subject of talk by Chicago scholar Denis McNamara

Noted architectural historian Dr. Denis McNamara will be the lead presenter in an April 17-18, program sponsored by the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati. Edward Schulte, architect of many local landmarks, including the design of St. Monica and Christ the King churches, and the renovation of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, is the focus of the two-day symposium and tour. The symposium will be at the Cathedral on Saturday, April 17, 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. On Sunday afternoon, April 18, 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., there will be guided tours of selected Schulte churches in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati architect Edward Schulte is known for having designed many of his home city's most prominent churches in the 1930s and 1940s. By the 1950s, however, Schulte rose to national prominence as a prolific designer who synthesized the dominant trends of Modernism with traditional ecclesiastical materials and forms.

Schulte is the only American architect of the twentieth century who could list four cathedral commissions—these among a body of work that included more than 80 churches. Schulte has recently been rediscovered as a master architect of singular ability whose unique style and collaboration with local artisans brought Cincinnati's artistic talent to a national audience.

Dr. Denis McNamara is assistant director and faculty member at The Liturgical Institute, a graduate program in theology at the seminary for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He holds a Ph.D. in architectural history from the University of Virginia, and recently lectured on Schulte's work at the international meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians. His newest book, *Catholic Church Architecture and the Spirit of the Liturgy*

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(2009), includes photos and commentary on many of Schulte's designs. Schulte's work is also in McNamara's earlier book, *Heavenly City: The Architectural Tradition of Catholic Chicago* (2005), which received the Benjamin Franklin Award from the Independent Booksellers Association.

Christine Schoonover, AFC immediate past president and its current program chair, and the Reverend Christopher R. Armstrong are co-chairs of the program and tours, which will be open to the public without charge.

Dr. McNamara's illustrated talk on Saturday will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Father Armstrong, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and currently the pastor of St. Antoninus, Green Township. As a former Archdiocesan Chancellor, Father Armstrong oversaw a video project to record the artistic, cultural, and historical treasures of the Archdiocese. While a seminarian at St. Gregory College Seminary, his professor of Art and Architecture was Rev. Donald A. Tenover, who had worked closely with Edward Schulte in the renovation of St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral. Donald Junker, an architect and trustee emeritus of AFC, and Cincinnati photographer and publisher Robert Flischel will join McNamara on the panel.

Sponsors will be recognized in a video of Schulte's local churches, which will be produced to complement the programs. It will be available for public viewing on AFC's Web site and copies will be distributed to area libraries and churches.

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Symposium

April 17, 1-2:30 p.m.

St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Undercroft
325 W. Eighth St., Cincinnati OH 45202
Free and open to public.

Denis McNamara, a noted architectural historian and author is the lead presenter. He will give an illustrated talk about the national works of Schulte, one of Cincinnati's most distinguished architects.

Fr. Christopher Armstrong will moderate the panel discussion to follow. Dr. McNamara will be joined on the panel by architect Donald Junker and photographer Robert Flischel. Optional Cathedral tour follows the program.

Tour Schulte churches

April 18, 2-4:30 p.m.

Free and open to public for guided tours:

St. Bernard, 7130 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati 45247
St. Cecilia, 3105 Madison Ave., Cincinnati 45209
Our Lord Christ the King, 3223 Linwood Ave., Cincinnati 45226
St. Gertrude, 7630 Shawnee Run Rd., Cincinnati 45243
Holy Trinity, 2420 Drex Ave., Cincinnati 45212
St. Monica/St. George, 328 W. McMillan, Cincinnati 45219
Church of the Nativity, 5935 Pandora Ave., Cincinnati 45213
St. Peter in Chains, 325 W. Eighth St., Cincinnati 45202

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