

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL



Harry Downie began the construction of this building in 1945 and completed it in 1947. The Chapel consists of three-foot-thick adobe walls with a wood-framed (beamed) roof system covered with red wood planking and two-piece tiles. The flooring consists of tiles over a concrete slab. A forced-air furnace in the sacristy provides for heat. Both the Chapel and sacristy comprise some 1,842 square feet of heated space.

The Chapel will be seismically stabilized, cleaned and conserved. An original segment

of the Chapel's east wall will remain uncovered, so visitors may view the original adobe bricks. A shed roof above the carriage gate next to the Chapel will be removed to expose the entire height of the carriage gates and to enable easier truck access into the Quadrangle Courtyard for special events. The Chapel will also receive improved accessibility from the east and west entries with installation of The American with Disabilities Act access ramps.



Interior of Blessed Sacrament Chapel



Exterior segment of original adobe wall

The sponsorship for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel has already been accepted by a major donor.