

NAZARENE WORSHIP CENTER, INC.

157 WEST SANDFORD BLVD
MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550

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To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing to recommend D'Amore Design Studio-Architects & Planners as Architects. Our Church has had a long relationship with Ted D'Amore and his firm. We retained the firm to convert a three story industrial building to a church for us.

Ted designed an efficient layout for the three floors for our church, fellowship hall and group meeting rooms. The project needed a zoning variance and planning board approval. Ted worked closely with our attorney and other team members in making presentations before the city's various boards and was successful in gaining approvals for a slightly complicated project that needed a use variance and a variance for 67 parking spaces! We've just given the authorization for the start of the final construction drawings.

At the inception of the project Ted listened carefully to our goals, developed a program for the uses we specified, and went on to design a project that will meet our needs for now and the foreseeable future. We will be adding a full size elevator inside the building and also a stair tower on the side of the building. We're also making changes to the exterior of the building and the site. We're very happy with the design of the building and with the time Ted has taken to make sure that we understand how the building and the spaces will look once the building is completed. We think it's very important to have an architect that pays attention to our goals and designs a solution that incorporates our requirements. Ted is that kind of architect. Plus, he takes the time to explain how a design will work so everyone on our committee understands; and if there's paper and pencil available, and there always is, he makes a quick sketch to further illustrate and explain things.

We're looking forward to getting into our building next year. We heartily recommend D'Amore Design Studio as architect. We're quite pleased with the results the firm has worked for us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clifford Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Clifford Johnson, Deacon, Building Committee Member (914-572-6012)