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SHELL WOODCRAFT™
Decorative Hardwood Niches

PRESS RELEASE

Shell Woodcraft Completes Installation of Custom, Curved Wood Niches at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica

Hardwood Shell-like Dome Enhances the Beauty of Significant Works of Art.

Carrollton, TX, July 1, 2018: Shell Woodcraft is pleased to announce the completion of a custom project for St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica in Beaumont, Texas, the oldest cathedral along the Gulf of Mexico coast. When dedicated, these two niches will hold the busts and relics of two popes.

"It was a pleasure working with Monsignor Jerry McGrath. It started with a simple drawing, but he could visualize how our shell-like dome would enhance their beauty. He allowed us to utilize our creativity to make a wonderful piece," recalled Frank Sigmund, owner of Shell Woodcraft.



The niches include a number of columns, each topped by an intricate capital. Recessed into the wall, the niches extend 14 inches into the foyer and are held by two corbels. The shell-like dome creates a halo effect and LEDs highlight the contents.

Hand-carved wood shells have been utilized for centuries to visually enhance and add architectural interest to furniture. Churches usually utilize plaster niches to create a focal point for their statues. Our niches which can be constructed from a number of wood species to match existing material can now be incorporated into the design to add old world charm and texture.



"The scallop shell has appeared in all types of architecture and furniture over the centuries. This look has been reproduced in our niches," Frank Sigmund noted. "Now, the look of a unique, hand-carved piece is possible, be it a niche for statues or cabinets in your home or library."

Our products are made in the USA. We specialize making curved wood elements, and are continually striving to make the shell larger and more elaborate. The size can be varied to suit your needs. To learn more about our products, we can be found at www.shellwoodcraft.com or contact us at (972) 460-6207.

