

Property History

The restoration team at Grand Light was given the task of fully restoring and replicating a large outdoor lantern and post from the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Philadelphia, PA.

The building, also known as the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception or Mary's Central Shrine, was built in Philadelphia's historic section of Germantown in 1875. Since 1927, the chapel's west transept has housed Mary's Central Shrine, a special place of worship to honor Mary Immaculate and the Miraculous Medal.

Project Description

The lantern was located on a large column located in the front of the chapel. Upon arriving at Grand Light's restoration facilities, the fixture was fully inspected, photographed, and cataloged. Certain components of the fixture had greatly deteriorated from decades of exposure to the weather.

The fixture was media blasted to remove any undesirable residual contaminants on the surface, and to smooth the surface profile. New copper tabs were added to hold replacement glass panels. The fixture was then rewired to hold 42 watt CFL bulb, and given a matte black textured finish.

In addition to the restoration of one original, Grand Light fabricated an exact replica that was installed opposite the original. The replica was hand forged and no intricate detailing from the original was omitted.

All fixtures were wired with UL listed components and HIPOT tested in accordance with UL standard 1598.

Client

Central Association of the Miraculous Medal

Client Project Managers

Tracy Rost, MMI Electrical Contractors, Inc.

Date Awarded

2009

Completion Date

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Project Webpage

<https://grandlight.com/portfolio/shrine-of-the-miraculous-medal/>

