

*News from Bob Koeck, President*

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## ***St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, NY: 4000 feet of pews***

*After three years, the St. Patrick's Cathedral Pew restoration project is complete.*

*We learned very quickly the problems involved working in an environment that is ever-changing, heavily public attended, in an atmosphere of high profile where our every move was watched with a special interest.*



*The original schedule was changed over and over, caused by issues raised in a restoration of this magnitude.*

*We were ahead of schedule throughout the project, so the only problem we had was the storage aspect; not to mention the ongoing request for specific refinished pews required to be installed around the moving scaffolding. Each time a special request came forth, we had to wrestle through the stored pews to come up with those needed.*

*The final push came in October 2015 when it was announced that the pope would be visiting the Cathedral in early December. Suddenly everything went into high gear; this was an extremely difficult time, as the Cathedral was packed every day leading up to Christmas.*



*Unfortunately, the pew people are always the last trade out, and depend on the performance of the others to let us work areas to complete the last installs.*

*The bottom line is that we made each and every deadline, and the Cathedral, Architects, Owner's Rep, and the Prime Contractor are thrilled how the restored pews look and the ease of operation of the new Spring Lift Atwood Hamlin Kneelers.*