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**Christ Chapel Architect Awarded Top National Award**  
*Stroik receives 2021 Palladio Award for classical architecture*

Hillsdale, Mich. — Hillsdale College announces that architect Duncan Stroik has received a 2021 Palladio Award for his design of Christ Chapel, which stands on Hillsdale’s campus. The award, produced by *Traditional Building*, *Period Homes*, and the [Traditional Building Conference](#), recognizes Stroik’s design as one of the best new designs of less than 30,000 square feet in the country.

“The Palladio Award is given to the best practitioners of the great principles of Western architecture,” said Larry P. Arnn, president. “We at Hillsdale College are honored to have been part of Duncan’s work. This award is a fitting tribute to a man who has devoted his life to beauty in architecture.”

This year marks the 20th annual Palladio Awards competition, the principal national award for classical architecture. Nineteen firms across the country were recognized for their work in traditional design across several residential and commercial categories.

Duncan Stroik is a professor of architecture at University of Notre Dame and author of *The Church Building as a Sacred Place: Beauty, Transcendence and the Eternal*. Stroik and Christ Chapel will be featured in the August issue of *Traditional Building*, and an in-person award ceremony will be held in December in Coral Gables, Florida.

Jack and Jo Babbitt of Tulsa, Oklahoma, longtime friends of Hillsdale College, provided the leadership gift that made the Chapel possible. Stroik began designing Christ Chapel in 2014. Construction began in 2017 and was completed in 2019.

For more information about Christ Chapel, click [here](#). For photos of Hillsdale’s Christ Chapel, click [here](#).

**About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College is an independent liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than

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