

Altieri

HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL SWARTZ HALL

ARCHITECT

Annum Architects

LOCATION

Cambridge, Massachusetts

SIZE

107,000 SF

SUSTAINABILITY

LEED Platinum 2023

COMPLETED

2021



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AWARDS

2024 Partners for Sacred Places, Honor Award, Religious Architecture: Renovation
2023 Architect's Newspaper Best of Design Honorable Mention, Religious Category
2022 Robert H. Kuehn Jr. Award, Preservation Massachusetts
2022 Honorable Mention, The American Architecture Awards, Chicago Athenaeum
2021 Best of Design Honorable Mention for Building Renovation, Architect's Newspaper

World-renowned Harvard Divinity School is the first nonsectarian theological school in the country. Founded in 1816, HDS is one of the oldest of Harvard's professional schools. Swartz Hall, located at the center of campus, is Harvard University's only example of Collegiate Gothic architecture. With its stone walls, soaring bell tower, and impressive woodwork, it is the Divinity School's signature building. The renewal project was the Hall's first since construction over 100 years ago.

Scope of work included renovation of Swartz Hall (55,000 gsf), renovation of Andover-Harvard Theological Library (36,000 gsf), replacement of the existing Cloister Link with a 13,000 gsf addition, and renovation of a portion (3,600 gsf) of Rockefeller Hall. The design creates a true campus center that brings together core academic resources with student services. The renewed spaces include modernized classrooms, communal spaces, a 200-seat auditorium, multi-faith chapel, and an updated multimedia infrastructure. Altieri's work encompassed mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection systems design for each element of the project. The project targeted LEED Gold certification.