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## **MARONITE PASTORAL CENTER**

ONE OF ONLY TWO PASTORAL CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES, THIS 30,000 SQUARE FOOT FORMER WAREHOUSE WAS COMPLETELY RENOVATED INSIDE AND OUT. THE CENTER HOUSES THE BISHOP'S RESIDENCE, GUEST RESIDENCES, CHAPEL, AND GRAND HALL ON THE SECOND FLOOR. STAFF AND CLERGY OFFICES, MEETING ROOMS, AND PARKING GARAGE ARE LOCATED ON THE FIRST LEVEL. THE DESIGN WAS INFLUENCED BY THE MIDDLE EAST ORIGIN OF THE MARONITES WITH STEPPED ARCHES AND COFFERED GRAND HALL. THE EXTERIOR FAÇADE IMITATES THE STONE THAT IS PROMINENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHILE THE ARCHES RECALL THE EARLY MASONRY FORMS OF THE CITY AND FORESHADOW THE INTERIOR DESIGN.