

'Breathtaking resonance' fills Cathedral of the Holy Cross



Pilot photos by Lisa Kessler

The opening service of worship for the 1990 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists was held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross June 25. The standing room only attendees heard cathedral organist Leo Abbott play the historic 1875 E. & G.G. Hook & Hastings Organ, Opus 801, which has been barely playable for a generation. Mr. Abbott [left center playing the organ], with a team of dedicated helpers and volunteers, has spent endless hours on repairs and removal of dirt and grime of 114 years from over 1600 pipes. The sound on Monday evening was breathtaking, given the fact that the organ is 80 percent restored.

Cathedral organist plays historic instrument

'Monument to American Romantic organ building' heard for the first time in 25 years