

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Steve Remmert

To Whom it May Concern:

As Director of Music & Liturgy at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Evanston, I was chairperson of the Furnishings Committee, overseeing the design and purchase of all the Sanctuary furnishings for our church renovation. We chose to hire Steve Remmert of Remmert Studios based on an interview and viewing of his portfolio. His role as Artist included becoming familiar with our architectural plans, meeting with our committee to discuss parish vision and design thoughts as well as creating mock furnishings for approval and adjustments.

I found Steve to not only be an outstanding craftsman, but extremely easy to work with. He was able to work well with all the people on our committee which included many various levels of artists who had the ability to express their own personal artistic preferences. Steve was able to take their recommendations and create fine representations to work with. He was able to listen to our needs as a parish and create not only beautiful craftsmanship, but pieces that are quite functional. In particular, as a parish we recognized a need to have an Ambo created that would be variable in height, allowing for handicap accessibility. Steve created an incredibly beautiful piece that is subtly adjustable and functional for this purpose. Steve also had to create the artistry for our baptismal font while having to work with the builders for accuracy in water flow, tiling, etc. Because of the technicalities of pumps and such, many last minute changes had to be made, and Steve was able to complete these changes with ease.

As chairperson, I was predominantly responsible for communication with Steve. I found him to be extremely easy to work with, especially when adjustments came up. Steve had a deadline set by our parish, as well as his own personal deadline, which was a week earlier. We had the pieces by Steve's own deadline, which turned out to be quite fortunate for us. I can honestly say, speaking for our Furnishings Committee as well as our Parish, that we would recommend Steve Remmert without reservation.

Sincerely,



Dianne Fox  
Director of Music and Liturgy