



Holy Family celebrates 20 years since near-demolition

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December 26, 2010 (CHICAGO) (WLS) -- Twenty years ago Sunday, an extraordinary effort began to save Chicago's second oldest church from the wrecking ball.

The effort succeeded, and on Sunday, parishioners celebrated mass at Holy Family Church on W. Roosevelt.

In December 1990 the building had been closed for several years because it was in such poor condition.

The building was going to be demolished unless a million dollars could be found to save it.

Supporters raised \$1,011,000 in one week.

The church was one of just five public buildings to survive the Great Chicago Fire.