



Congregation Gates of Prayer, Metairie, LA

The Ives Group led by Joel Ives, AIA was selected to design and expand an old New Orleans suburb congregation that traces its origins to the Civil War. In developing the solution, new elements were designed to blend with existing ones so that the entire project “feels” complete and homogenous. The site plan was reorganized so the building entry now faces the parking lot where everyone arrives rather than the public street as in the original building. The new school and office elements were incorporated into the fabric of the design so that the school wing faced the playground and the office wing over-see the entry and parking lot.

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