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ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA

"Shortly after beginning my ministry at St. Joseph's 6 years ago, I could tell that the existing 20-year-old organ was declining steadily. The digital components were holding up but the analog and audio systems were failing, and as time went on the organ declined beyond repair.

An anonymous donor stepped forward with a gift – enough to purchase a three-manual digital organ. In the same month, two more anonymous donors offered gifts that allowed us to upgrade to a custom five-manual digital instrument. I knew that an Allen organ would be the obvious choice because of the quality of sound, excellence of craftsmanship, and ongoing service commitment by Allen and its dealers.

St. Joseph's chose to install our custom Allen instrument utilizing mostly beam-mount speakers because the A-frame structure of the church would not permit any chamber space. All five divisions have speakers at each end of the church, and may be used in any combination.

Since our instrument was installed and voiced, and the dedicatory concert was presented, the church has been recognized by the community as a place with a 'high-quality' instrument. Recently, a local semi-professional chorus had its first performance in our church, and as a result of their performance with our organ, has scheduled to perform again next year! This organ will also allow us to continue our Kids-On-Keyboards-Organ program we offer to local schools.

As I said at the dedicatory concert, we're at the end of a long wait for a new organ but we're only at the beginning of amazing and wonderful musical and spiritual experiences!"

David Clyde Morse, Minister of Worship Music



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