



The Ave Maria Oratory was built in Ave Maria, Florida as the central feature of Ave Maria University. Ave Maria founder Tom Monaghan is one of the world's largest collectors of American architect Frank Lloyd Wright and the Ave Maria Oratory was based on Wright's work.

Stromberg GRG (glass fiber reinforced gypsum) was selected for the over 50,000 sq ft project for appearance and acoustical value. Stromberg stone texture GRG is a unique blend of gypsum, glass fibers, mineral fillers and mineral pigments. The GRG panels are cast with a travertine like pitted and textured surface to provide superior acoustical properties.

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The finished building is a symphony of materials, engineering, architecture, and construction all coming together to create the worship space. The unique design, based on historic church architecture, has been recreated in contemporary materials with traditional crafts and modern technology. The Stromberg GFRG panels provide a stone look and feel to the interior while providing superior acoustic performance.

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“...a lecture/demonstration of Gregorian chanting was underway when I entered, bathing me in an acoustical wash of rich sound as the music floated up to massive steel arches soaring 100 feet high over a nave of nearly 25,000 square feet.”

—Richard Storm, award winning architecture and music critic in Sarasota Magazine.

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