

## **Petrillo Stone Corporation Celebrates 80 Years of Work with Fordham University**

### *A Business Relationship that Stands the Test of Time*

Mount Vernon, NY ([PRWEB](#)) October 27, 2016 -- Family-owned, New York-based stone company [Petrillo Stone Corporation](#) is celebrating the 80th anniversary of its business relationship with another respected New York institution – Fordham University. As part of that celebration, the team at Petrillo Stone recently carved and installed a new 16 ft. Fordham University seal and accompanying lettering in 23 karat gold leaf at the Lincoln Center Campus.

The relationship between Fordham University and Petrillo Stone Corp. dates way back to the deep dark depths of the Great Depression. In 1936, company founder Antonio Petrillo (A.T. Petrillo Company at the time) took the contract to fabricate all the cut limestone work for Keating Hall, at the Rose Hill Campus. This was a huge undertaking. The majority of the finished work was hand carved and all of the work was fabricated in the shop in Mount Vernon, NY. Keating Hall would be the first of many projects that generations of Petrillos would be handling for Fordham University.

In fact, Antonio's son, John Petrillo, recounted many years after the completion of Keating Hall to his own son Ralph, "that job is what got our company through the Great Depression."

In the years after the completion, Petrillo Stone Corporation has continued to replace pieces of limestone for Keating Hall due to acid rain or the shifting of the building. The family-owned business has completed other notable projects for Fordham University over the last 80 years, using the same traditional craftsmanship exemplified by founder Antonio.

"I can only speak for the 38 years I have been at Fordham for the consistently high standard of both product and service we have received from Petrillo Stone. Petrillo takes our ideas and translates them into workable designs executed to perfection at both our campuses," said Brian J Byrne, Vice President for Lincoln Center Campus.

A sampling of these projects includes the marble and stone work on the exterior of The Gabelli School of Business, the Seven Blocks of Granite Monument (honoring Vince Lombardi and his teammates), the new stonework and refurbishing work at the Walsh Library, and multiple smaller seals at both NYC campuses. Petrillo Stone has also done marble work in the Chapel at Rose Hill and even restored an altar. At the Law School at Lincoln Center, the company supplied and installed granite coping stones at an elevated garden.

"As I look back on my relationship with Petrillo Stone, I am reminded mostly of Petrillo's attention to the importance of the Jesuit tradition at Fordham. They have consistently approached all of the projects that I have worked on with them with precision, attention to detail and an attitude of pride in being a living part of Fordham University for decades to come," said Midge Quinn, Assistant Project Manager of Facilities Development at Fordham University, "Fordham is grateful for the continued relationship with Petrillo Stone and can only hope that this relationship will continue for years to come."

As grandsons of its founder, and third generation owners, brothers Frank and Ralph Petrillo get a great deal of pleasure seeing all the work their company has done throughout the years with Fordham University.



[Ralph Petrillo](#) stated, “It is nice to know that we have been a small part of Fordham’s history and Fordham University has been a wonderful part of our history.”

About Petrillo Stone Corporation:

Antonio T. Petrillo established Petrillo Stone Corporation in 1907 in Mount Vernon, NY. Since then the company has met or exceeded the exacting standards of countless architects, designers, and builders. Petrillo Stone Corporation imports, wholesales, fabricates, and installs marble, granite, limestone, and other stone products for the interior and exterior of commercial and residential buildings.



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