

Fairfield University's Jesuit community building receives architect's honor

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The American Institute of Architect's included the Jesuit community's building at Fairfield University as among its 2012 Ten Best Houses.

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Jesuit Community Center / Gray Organschi Architecture : Aware of their special role as teachers and spiritual guides, the Jesuits sought a building that would not only provide for their own immediate needs, but might serve as an exemplar of ecological architecture. The apostolic center houses resident Jesuit priests and their guests, administrative offices, a chapel, community dining room, great room, and library. Throughout the project, design decisions aimed to optimize the building's environmental performance. Ultimately, both traditional site and building design "best practices" and innovative environmental technologies serve to reduce both short and long term impact on the environment, helping the Jesuits to achieve their goal of acting as "good stewards of the Earth."

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