



Victor Cordella (circled) poses with famed architect Cass Gilbert's Minnesota State Capitol design team in 1896. Photo courtesy of Michael Retka.

## Webinar to discuss a Polish-born architect

**Victor Cordella** was born in Poland in 1872. He studied at the Academy of Fine Arts there and came to the United States in 1896, settling in St. Paul. Cordella began his own Minneapolis-based architecture practice in 1912 and designed two-dozen Minnesota churches between 1903 and 1930, a mansion that is now the Swedish Institute and a tavern that is now Nye's Bar. The map below created by Michael Retka of Little Falls shows locations of his churches. Cordella died in Minneapolis in 1937.

Wisconsin researcher Dr. Geoffrey Grysko, Director of Music Ministry at St. Edwards Church in Elmdale Michael Retka and PACIM Treasurer Mark Dillon will share the story of Minnesota's famous Polish architect through the Polish American Historical Association (PAHA) on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. The webinar will be on the Zoom platform. Contact [Treasurer@pacim.org](mailto:Treasurer@pacim.org) for the link to the event.

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| <b>Beardsley</b>       | Saint Mary's, 1904                             |   |
| <b>Browerville</b>     | Saint Joseph's, 1908                           | → |
| <b>Buffalo</b>         | Saint Francis Xavier, 1916                     |   |
| <b>Cloquet</b>         | Church of Saint Mary of the Sacred Heart, 1926 |   |
| <b>Crosby</b>          | St. Joseph Church, 1927                        |   |
| <b>Delano</b>          | Saint Peter's (Maximilian Kolbe Parish), 1912  |   |
|                        | Saint Mary of Czestochowa, 1923                |   |
| <b>Elmdale</b>         | St. Edward's, 1920                             |   |
| <b>Faribault</b>       | Sacred Heart Church, 1922                      |   |
| <b>Gilman</b>          | Saints Peter & Paul, 1930                      |   |
| <b>Hamel</b>           | St. Anne's                                     |   |
| <b>Little Falls</b>    | Our Lady of Lourdes, 1920                      | → |
| <b>North Prairie</b>   | Holy Cross Church, 1913                        |   |
| <b>Perham</b>          | St. Stanislaus, 1922                           |   |
| <b>Rochester</b>       | St. Mary's Chapel at Mayo Clinic, 1904         |   |
| <b>Sauk Centre</b>     | Our Lady of the Angels, 1925                   |   |
| <b>St. Paul</b>        | St. Casimir's, 1904                            |   |
|                        | Our Lady of Victory Chapel, 1926               |   |
| <b>Sherburn</b>        | St. Luke's, 1921                               |   |
| <b>Silver Lake</b>     | Holy Family, 1926                              |   |
| <b>Vance Creek, WI</b> | Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 1923             |   |
| <b>Vermillion</b>      | St. John the Baptist, 1913                     |   |
| <b>Wadena</b>          | St. Anne's                                     |   |
| <b>Wilno</b>           | St. John Cantius, 1910                         |   |



### Minneapolis

- Holy Cross Church, 1927
- St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, 1904
- Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, 1917
- St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic, 1926
- St. Michael & St. George Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1925
- St. Constantine's Ukrainian Catholic. 1913 (torn down)

