

lury comments: St. Hugo was cited for its "vigorous employment of random ashlar limestone in the large areas" that "develop a strong architectural impact. The use of top-lighted sanctuary perimeter walls dramatically features sculptural inserts which enrich the contemporary interior space."

## Remodeling standards by the book

It's a scenario every remodeler hopes won't happen: The job is done, the contractor is demanding payment and you're not happy with the quality of the work. The contract asys the job should be completed in a "workmanlike manner"—but who's to say what level of quality is high enough?

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Remodeling Ideas magazine advises to take the following tip from building pros: Arm yourself with "Quality Standards for the Professional Remodeler," a book that spells out minimum standards for remodeling work. This 81-page manual by the Remodelers Council of the National Association of Home Builders includes performance guidelines for 180 aspects of construction, from out-of-plumb doorways to squeaky floors. It describes in simple, direct terms the appropriate "fix" for work that

doesn't measure up.

For homeowners, the manual can be a valuable ally when things go wrong. Say your custom-built bookshelves don't fit snugly against the wall, and the contractor wants to disguise the gap with molding. Check the manual: "Gaps in excess of one-quarter inch are unacceptable." It also specifies corrective action: "The remodeler should reposition or reinstall the cabinets."

Contractors aren't bound to accept the manual's recommendations, but the written standards give you good ammunition for negotiating corrective action. If the guidelines don't support your position, at least you'll be in-formed about industry practices as you decide how far to press your claim.

The Remodelers Council is urging

ips 4,700 contractor members to incorporate quality standards into written warranties for their work. Such a warranty would make the standards legally binding on you and your contractor. Before you agree to this, read the manual carefully. You may want to negotiate a higher standard on some specific points. For example, the manual apselfies that no corrective action is required if your contractor puts up wall coverings and the pattern doesn't match at the edges. Many homeowners would find a mismatch unacceptable.

"Quality Standards for the Professional Remodeler" is available from the Home Builder Book Store, National Association of Home Builders, 1201 16th St., NW Washington, D.C. 20005. Send a check or money order for \$22 (\$18 plus \$4\$ for shipping and handling).



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## Architects earn masonry award for St. Hugo Church

A Bloomfield Hills church is the only local of the original stone were located, and by work-winner named by the Livonia-based Masonny ing with the original quarry the original blend Institute of Michigan as an Excellence in Masonry Design winner.

The award goes to architect/engineer Harley priate in its ability to unify the two buildings Ellington Flerce Yee Associates, Southfield, for on the site and to humanize through texture, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills. color and warmth, the interior of the vast new Mason contractor was O'Neill General of Sanctuary," the architects said.

The charge was to create a new sanctuary to the same site as the 60-year-old dence Medical Center, Nort.

Norman style chapel.

The sanctuary's shallow sloping roof structure sites inside and separated from the stone of Architecture/Artistry/Interiors, Traverae enclosing wall. The exterior is of random sablar City, for the Michael and Barbara Dennos Mulimestone walls, The interior of the sanctuary seum Center, Northwestern Michigan College, and gathering space has random sablar lime-Traverse City.

stone walls, white marble tile floore, honed limestone support columns and chancel wall, Arther the Carlett of the Michigan State Capitol, L'Ansing, baptismal fort.

Masonry was selected to match as closely as chitects/Planners, Saginaw, for Ingham Counpossible the material of the older chapel. Specs



