

# Saint Peter in Chains designated as Minor Basilica

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CINCINNATI () - Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral has been designated as a Minor Basilica by Pope Francis.

The announcement was made by archbishop Dennis Schnurr.

"For all of us who live and worship in our archdiocese, this is a great blessing and honor that has been bestowed on our cathedral church," he said.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati says that the title is given to churches around the world in recognition of their "historical or cultural importance, artistic beauty and significance in the life of the church."

The cathedral will now be named Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. It is the 89th basilica in the U.S.

A "Major Basilica" designation is reserved for specific churches in Rome.

St. Peter in Chains is the sixth basilica in Ohio. It's the first in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The cathedral turns 175 years old in November. It's the oldest cathedral, built as a cathedral, that is still in use in the United States.

There are various requirements a church has to meet before it can be considered a basilica. In petitioning for its basilica status, the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains submitted a 240-page application.

