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Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

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Washington

1725 Rhode Island Ave NW - Washington - United States of America



The Cathedral church and parish is named for Saint Matthew the Apostle, the patron saint of civil servants, recognizing all those who serve in the municipal, state, and national governments and the many international organizations located in the metropolitan area. The church is the seat or cathedra of the Archbishop of Washington. As the Mother Church of the archdiocese, it plays a major role in the Catholic life of the nation's capital.

Established in 1840, the parish church originally was located at 15th and H Streets, N.W. Construction of the present church began in 1893 under the direction of Monsignor Thomas Sim Lee. The first Mass was celebrated on June 2, 1895. The church was formally dedicated in 1913 and designated a cathedral in 1939 when the Archdiocese of Washington was established.