

St. Ignatius Loyola Church Form-A-Tread Install

Background: St. Ignatius Loyola Church, founded in 1898, is located on Park Avenue in New York City's Upper East Side. The church offers Wallace Hall, a spacious and ornate function hall located directly below the main sanctuary, for rent to outside groups for concerts, receptions and meetings.



Problem: Church leaders were concerned with the inadequate traction and visibility of the grey marble stairs at the entrance of Wallace Hall. Maintaining the appearance of the hall was also important. In the past anti slip tape was applied but provided poor visibility and durability so required frequent removal, cleaning and reapplication, wasting the valuable time of the busy maintenance staff. The tape also proved to be unsightly.

Desired Solution: Church leaders determined they needed a solution that met the following criteria:

- Permanent adhesion to marble
- Improves traction of the marble stairs
- Easily installed by church maintenance staff
- Long term durability, given the heavy foot traffic in and out of the hall
- Available in various colors to improve visibility on the grey marble steps without detracting from their appearance or the appearance of the hall.

Action Taken: Form-A-Tread® **Safety Yellow**, a 100% epoxy material containing slip resistant properties was selected. A 1" wide stripe was installed ½" from the front of each step.

Cost: Material for the entire installation was under \$1200 (approximately \$3/linear foot) and was installed by one church employee. Total labor was under 8 hours, not including removal of remaining anti-slip tape and adhesive residue.

Useful Life: Estimated to be 5+ years

Summary: Form-A-Tread installation at St. Ignatius Church is extremely visible and the Safety Yellow color complements the grey marble steps and the overall look of Wallace Hall. Church leaders are so pleased with the installation that plans are underway to install Form-A-Tread at additional locations.

