

Casavant Opus: 2539 *Contract Specification Date:* September 26, 1958
Location: Madison Avenue Methodist Church
 Bay City, Michigan
Installation Date: June 1959
Key Action: Electro-pneumatic *Stop Action:* Electro-pneumatic (Pitman)
Console / Keydesk: 3 manuals Fixed in place With rolltop cover
Console Location: Detached
Stop Controls: Drawknobs *Arrangement:* Vertical rows on angled jambs
Manual Compass: 61 notes *Pedal Compass:* 32 notes
Expressive Divisions: Swell and Choir
Tonal Director: Lawrence Phelps
Case / Façade: The organ was located in the chancel in chambers and displayed on the front wall.

<i>Specification</i>			
<i>Stop</i>		<i>Feet</i>	<i>Pipes</i>
Great Organ (II)			
1. Quintaton	(new)	16	61
2. Principal	(old Great 8')	8	61
3. Bourdon	(old Great 16')	8	61
4. Octav	(old Great 4')	4	61
5. Nachthorn	(new)	4	61
6. Twelfth	(old Great 2-2/3')	2-2/3	61
7. Fifteenth	(old Great 2')	2	61
8. Mixture IV	(new)		244
Great 4'			
Chimes	(prepared in the console)		
Swell Organ (III)			
9. Rohrgedeckt	(from old Great 4' Flute)	8	68
10. Gambe	(new)	8	68
11. Voix Céleste	(TC, old Swell Salicional 8')	8	56
12. Prestant	(new)	4	68
13. Harmonic Flute	(old Swell stop)	4	68
14. Nasat	(new)	2-2/3	61
15. Doublette	(old Swell 2')	2	61
16. Plein Jeu IV	(new)		244
17. Fagott	(new)	16	68
18. Trompette	(new)	8	68
19. Hautbois	(new)	4	68
Tremulant			
Swell 16'			
Swell Unison Off			
Swell 4'			

Choir Organ (I)

20.	Waldflöte	<i>(old Melodia)</i>	8	61
21.	Quintade	<i>(old Stopped Diapason)</i>	8	61
22.	Erzähler	<i>(new)</i>	8	61
23.	Erzähler Céleste	<i>(GG, new)</i>	8	54
24.	Kleinprinzipal	<i>(old Fugara)</i>	4	61
25.	Koppelflöte	<i>(new)</i>	4	61
26.	Prinzipal	<i>(new)</i>	2	61
27.	Quinte	<i>(new)</i>	1-1/3	61
28.	Terz	<i>(new)</i>	1-3/5	61
29.	Bombarde	<i>(new)</i>	8	61
30.	Cromorne	<i>(new)</i>	8	61
	Tremulant			
	Choir 16'			
	Choir Unison Off			
	Choir 4'			

Pedal Organ

31.	Resultant	<i>(from Open Wood)</i>	32	--
32.	Open Wood	<i>(old Open Diapason 16')</i>	16	32
33.	Bourdon	<i>(old Bourdon 16')</i>	16	32
34.	Erzähler	<i>(extension of No. 22)</i>	16	12
35.	Quintaton	<i>(from No. 1)</i>	16	--
36.	Spitzprinzipal	<i>(new)</i>	8	32
37.	Gedeckt bass	<i>(extension of No. 33)</i>	8	12
38.	Erzähler	<i>(from No. 22)</i>	8	--
39.	Quintaton	<i>(from No. 1)</i>	8	--
40.	Choralbass	<i>(extension of No. 36)</i>	4	12
41.	Quintaton	<i>(from No. 1)</i>	4	--
42.	Rauschquinte II	<i>(new)</i>		64
43.	Bombarde	<i>(extension of No. 29)</i>	16	12
44.	Bombarde	<i>(from No. 29)</i>	8	--
45.	Clairon	<i>(from No. 29)</i>	4	--
46.	Chimes	<i>(Great Organ)</i>		

Couplers

Great to Pedal	8	4
Swell to Pedal	8	4
Choir to Pedal	8	4
Swell to Great	16	8 4
Choir to Great	16	8 4
Swell to Choir	16	8 4

Combination Action

Type: Capture system

<i>Department</i>	<i>Thumb</i>	<i>Toe studs duplicated for:</i>
Great	5	Nos. 4 & 5
Swell	5	Nos. 4 & 5
Choir	5	Nos. 4 & 5
Pedal	5	Nos. 4 & 5
General	6	Nos. 4, 5 & 6
General Cancel		
Adjuster		

Reversible Pistons

Great to Pedal	Thumb & Toe
Swell to Pedal	Thumb
Choir to Pedal	Thumb
Swell to Great	Thumb
Choir to Great	Thumb
Swell to Choir	Thumb
Full Organ	Thumb & Toe

Balanced Pedals

Swell Expression

Choir Expression

Crescendo on all stops and couplers

Analysis ¹

Division	Registers	Stops	Ranks	Pipes
Great Organ	8	8	11	671
Swell Organ	11	11	14	898
Choir Organ	11	11	11	664
Pedal Organ	15	4	5	208
Total	45	34	41	2441

Notes ²

The information found in this document comes from the original contract located in the archives of Casavant Frères in Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec.

¹ The term "Registers" refers to the total number of speaking stops including duplexed and extended stops but excluding couplers, tremulants and controls. "Stops" refers to the total number of independent or straight stops excluding duplexed and extended stops as well as couplers and controls.

² The information contained herein was researched by Stanley R. Scheer, Vice President Emeritus-Casavant Frères – May 29, 2007

This organ was moved from Bay City, Michigan to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Chicago, Illinois.



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