

The Rothko Chapel, St. Thomas University – Houston, Texas

The Rothko Chapel, founded by John and Dominique de Menil, was dedicated in 1971 as an intimate sanctuary available to people of every belief. A modern meditative environment inspired by the paintings of American abstract expressionist Mark Rothko, the Chapel welcomes thousands of visitors each year, people of every faith and from all parts of the world. It retains the support of its surrounding neighborhood and has become a spiritual landmark, central in the lives of many members of a large and diverse urban community.



The Problem:

Extensive renovations were performed on the chapel approximately four years ago, resulting in a leak on the a/c condensate line. This leak caused water damage to the custom-plastered wall finish. Replacement of the pipe within the walls was cost prohibitive and would seriously interrupt the meditation of the visiting patrons.

The Solution:

After hearing about the ACE DuraFlo® system of pipe restoration offered by Texas Drain Technologies, Miner-Dederick Constructors, project superintendent of the renovation project, contacted Texas Drain Technologies for a consultation. The problem was perfectly suited for use of the ACE Duraflo® system and a work order was scheduled to begin a few days later. After a one-day turnaround with minimal disturbance to the chapel and its visitors, the a/c condensate line was restored to better-than-new condition. Texas Drain Technologies was able to solve this four-year problem in only a few hours and for a fraction of the cost of pipe replacement and damage reconstruction.

