Currituck County, North Carolina, was one of the first areas settled in the United States in 1668. Today, it is one of the fastest-growing counties in North Carolina with its blend of historic heritage and modern developments, all while balancing environmental preservation. Above all, Currituck is known for its coastal beaches, wildlife sanctuaries, and “peaceful way of life.”

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In addition to the hot, sunny location of St. Katharine Drexel, the church’s exterior needed to be prepared for heavy coastal storms throughout the year. Therefore, Everlast siding’s fade- and water-resistance qualities made it the ideal solution for the church.

Everlast siding removes concerns about peeling, flaking, rotting, or cracking regardless of climate conditions. Its durability can be credited to its rigid, solid composite substrate incorporating C CORE® material technology and polymer resins, which makes it thicker and more durable than traditional vinyl siding. In addition, all Everlast siding planks are embossed with a UV-stable acrylic capstock and eye-catching CedarTouch® finish, delivering an authentic top-grade cedar appearance.

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The Everlast siding installer at St. Katharine Drexel Church was KYRO Builders. Pro Fit Sales Associates coordinated with the church on selecting Everlast siding, and ABC Supply was the distributor that supplied it. Royals commended the KYRO Builders installation team for their prompt arrival, speedy yet quality installation, and true dedication to making the job a success.

The church renovation was completed in March 2023.