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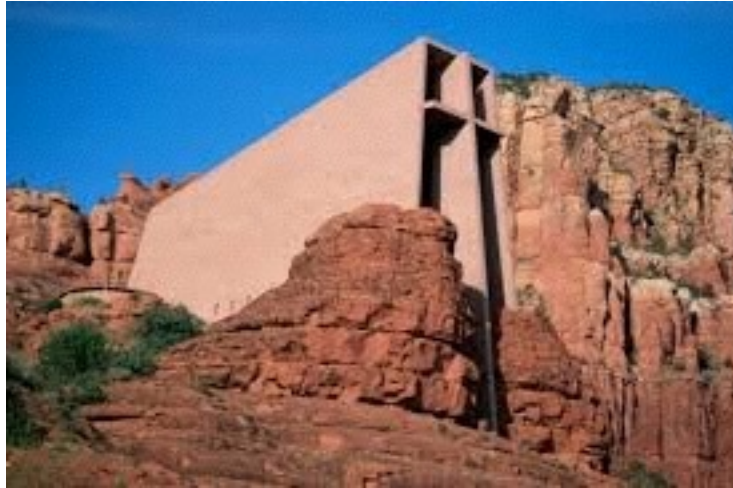
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Chapel in the Rock (Arizona, United States)

This beautiful Roman Catholic church is literally built into the rock. The views from outside are unbelievable but the serenity inside is awesome.

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Spectacularly situated between red-rock towers in [Sedona](#), the **Chapel of the Holy Cross**

is a Catholic chapel with amazing views, especially around sunset, making this a special attraction for those seeking divine inspiration.

History of Chapel of the Holy Cross

The unique architecture and location of the Chapel of the Holy Cross are the inspirations of Marguerite Bruswig Staude, who went on a trip to [New York City](#) in 1932. She observed that a cross could be seen in the newly constructed Empire State Building when viewed from a certain angle, and was inspired to build a church based on that design.

Staude kept an eye out all over Europe and the USA for the ideal location, and she was especially struck by the beauty of Sedona. She decided to build her chapel here, which would be "a monument to faith, but a spiritual fortress so charged with God, that it spurs man's spirit godward." The Chapel of the Holy Cross was completed in April 1956.

What to See at Chapel of the Holy Cross

Built on a twin-pinnacled spur about 250 feet high, jutting out of a thousand foot red rock wall, the construction was something of a miracle in itself. The chapel is a fine example of modern architecture, focusing all attention on a great window and cross behind the altar.

The Diocese of Phoenix and St John Vianney parish are the caretakers of the Chapel. Regardless of faith, all are welcomed to visit, meditate or pray there. While in the area, natural attractions such as the imposing [Bell Rock](#) are also worth visiting.

Getting There

From "uptown" Sedona, take 179 south toward the Village of Oak Creek for 3.1 miles. Turn left on Chapel Road and go to the end. It is a steep climb from the parking lot to the chapel, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

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