

World Trade Center Cross Moved To Permanent Home

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Workers prepare the World Trade Center cross to be moved into its permanent home at the 9/11 Memorial Museum after a blessing ceremony on July 23, 2011 in New York City. (Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images)

NEW YORK (CBSNewYork/AP) – A Ground Zero icon has been moved to a permanent new home.

A flatbed truck moved the World Trade Center cross from its previous location next to St. Peter’s Church to the National September 11th Memorial and Museum.

A construction worker discovered the 20-foot tall cross standing upright in the rubble of the Twin Towers. During the emotional clean up at Ground Zero, the cross became the symbol of solace and peace.

“It’s going to be another step forward in bringing in these large-scale artifacts that will tell the story of what happened,” said museum president Joe Daniels.

The cross was blessed during a ceremony by the Rev. Brian Jordan before being moved. Jordan also blessed the beams in the days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

About 200 emergency workers and families of the victims attended the blessing ceremony at Zucotti Park in lower Manhattan.

Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani attended and said the city is stronger today.



Father Brian Jordan (L) and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani (2nd R) look on during a blessing of the World Trade Center cross before it was moved into its permanent home at the 9/11 Memorial Museum on July 23, 2011 in New York City. (Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images)