

Pastor's Column

New Construction Update—April 2012

(This is the fourth in a monthly series of updates to keep all Parishioners informed regarding the progress of the construction of our Permanent Church and our Parish Offices.)

1. Design Development continues...
2. Feasibility Studies and design options for key elements such as structural steel, exterior windows, doors and wood ceiling cladding are being reviewed by the architect, engineers, and consultants. This is a time-consuming, but required exercise, to confirm that the final design will be within our budget.
3. Electrical and mechanical engineering design continues.
4. The civil engineer is working to design the deep utilities including sewer, water, and storm drain site improvements.
5. Proposals from various landscape architects are now being reviewed.
6. The Interior Design Team (IDT) has decided that the Stations of the Cross will be located outside in the garden area on the north side of the Church. We will continue to use the John Paul II version of the Stations of the Cross.
7. The IDT will continue to discuss the possible location of another set of the Stations of the Cross in the Daily Mass Chapel.
8. The IDT has decided that Stephen Hirt, who will be designing the altar, ambo, and baptismal font, will also create the candle holders, the ambry, the processional cross, the sanctuary lamp, the Paschal Candle Stand, and the ossuary.
9. The IDT is considering tapestries for the St. Thomas More Shrine. That discussion continues.
10. The discussion regarding the Presider's Chair and the Associate Chairs continue. The discussion revolves around what kind of elements will be used in the creation of the chairs.
11. The IDT continues the discussion of the way in which all donors will be recognized. It has been decided that the names of all donors will be included on a “wall” in the Memorial Garden which will be located on the southwest side of the Church.
12. As we prepare for the sound system for our Church, we will include the “loop system.” This technology will allow for many who are wearing “hearing aids” to be able to automatically connect to our sound system without the need for an extra “hearing device.”

Each Sunday at Mass we pray for all the people who are working “behind the scenes.” As you can see, much is happening, and soon, and very soon, construction will begin!

Continue to pray for the success of our building program. Also, if you have not yet made your pledge or given your gift to this year’s ***“Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together” Phase 2.1 Capital Campaign***, now is the time. We need you!

For all that has been, “Thank You!” For all that will be, “Yes!”

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