

Pastor's Column

New Construction Update—July/August 2012

This is the seventh of what will be monthly updates to keep all Parishioners informed in regard to the progress of the construction of our Permanent Church and our Parish Offices.

1. Coordination of the interior ceiling mill work and sound system are being reviewed by an independent consultant to ensure that our system is designed for both music and the spoken word. We want to make sure that our acoustic requirements are being met in full.
2. Landscape and civil engineering design requirements are moving forward as anticipated in the original baseline estimate.
3. Foundation cost estimates have been recently completed and are within the original budget estimate, allowing us to move forward into the final structure design.
4. Background noise study of the HVAC equipment was completed and equipment selection was confirmed.
5. Final design and coordination of structural, mechanical, and electrical elements for both the Church and the Parish Offices continues to move forward.
6. The Interior Design Team (IDT) has selected all the artists for the creation of the various main “pieces” of the Church—altar, ambo, baptismal font, tabernacle, Marian shrine, St. Thomas More shrine, and stained glass windows, etc.
7. The artists have been commissioned and are beginning their work in coordination with our Liturgical Consultant, Robert Habiger.
8. At the August meeting of the IDT, our architect, Renzo Zecchetto, was present and presented the latest review of the interior and exterior of the Church, along with the landscape designs for the outdoor Memorial Garden and the outdoor Meditation Garden.
9. The pews and chairs for the Church are in the process of being selected by the architect, Renzo Zecchetto, in consultation with the IDT.
10. A Town Hall meeting is being planned for January 25, 2013 from 6:30-8:30pm, to invite Parishioners to see all of the interior elements of the Church that are now in the process of being created. Mark your calendars for this exciting meeting!
11. It is anticipated that actual construction will begin in November 2012.

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