

## Pastor's Column

### New Construction Update—September/October 2012

*This is the latest in a series of updates to keep all Parishioners informed in regard to the progress of the construction of our Permanent Church and our Parish Offices.*

1. Design co-ordination with acoustical consideration continues as we finalize the millwork design of the interior of the Church.
2. Budgetary pricing of structural concrete, structural steel, and interior millwork is currently being completed.
3. Architectural and structural co-ordination of the sanctuary is moving forward.
4. The creation of the crucifix for our Church continues by artist Lynn Kircher. The crucifix may be ready for display by mid-2013.
5. Artist Elizabeth Devereaux is beginning work on the three major sites of the architectural art glass that will enhance the Church: two windows at the baptismal font, and in the reconciliation room.
6. Artist Claire Wing is beginning work on the Marian Shrine. It will be made of glass, and will memorialize the moment of the Annunciation—Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she is to give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. The emphasis here will be a very young-looking Mary, because Mary was in her early teens as she accepted this mission from God.
7. Artist Stephen Hirt continues his work on the creation of our altar (the design already approved), the ambo, the baptismal font, the tabernacle, the eternal lamp, and several other items.
8. Architect Renzo Zecchetto continues work on the design of the cross on which the corpus will be placed, as well as the

ambry (which holds the sacred oils) which will be located near the Baptismal Font.

9. Brian Leahey, our Parishioner, who has been intimately involved with this project from the very beginning as a volunteer, has been hired to be our full-time Construction Site Overseer. He will oversee this project until its completion! We are very fortunate to have Brian's expertise, experience, and commitment to St. Thomas More.
10. Construction cameras are being installed in order to provide a live-stream of the activity on the construction site which will be able to be viewed on our Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)). Time-lapse photography will also be used so that we will be able to view the construction from beginning to completion.
11. The construction fence around the project will go up on October 29-30.
12. It is now beginning!

Each Sunday we pray for all those who are working "behind the scenes" as we continue to prepare for and actually begin construction.

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor*

*Brian Leahey, St. Thomas More Construction Site Overseer  
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