Pastor's Column

"Yes Virginia, There Is Construction!"

This will be the last update from Brian Leahey, our Director of Construction, before actual construction begins of both our Church and Parish Offices Building. Soon and very soon...

In the last several months our Grading Plan has been going through the Plan Check Process with the City of Oceanside.

During the review we needed to respond to Plan Check comments by Grading and the City of Oceanside Fire Department. Some of the comments were minor, and others would have involved substantial costs to the Parish.

For example, the widening of an existing fire lane on the north side of the multi-purpose building was being suggested. Through several meetings with the City, a more cost-effective solution was proposed and finally approved. The Grading Plan is now approved and a permit is ready to be issued.

Our Architect, Renzo Zecchetto, has now completed the final designs of both buildings.

We delivered the building plans to the City of Oceanside for Plan Check approval this past week. The final design coordination took longer than expected due to some acoustical issues that affected structural design and final architectural coordination.

During this time, we continued to negotiate and seek better pricing from additional sub-contractors. This, in turn, has benefitted the Parish and has saved us money.

In the past week we completed some tree relocation and utility capping in the construction area.

Last week, the Diocese of San Diego and Bishop Brom gave the final approval of our construction budget, and we are in the final stages of mobilizing the Grading Contractor and moving forward with grading for the Church and the Parish Offices.

Our construction web cams are now operational. Just go to the Parish website, *www.stmoside.org*, and click on the camera icons to see the construction sites for the Church and the Parish Offices.

Thank you all for your patience.

The dirt will be moving full force, soon and very soon!

Fr. Mike