

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Interior Design Team Meeting
March 10, 2015

Present: Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor; Kathy Arciero, Brian Leahey, Sondra Parks, Charlene Buhlert, Mario Diaz, Diana Diaz, Lorraine Doering, Ann Eriksson, Pat Goscienski, Phil Goscienski, Robert Habiger, Douglas Lynn, Chris Smith

Absent, Excused: Kathleen Quinn, Mary Castle

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 pm.

- **Construction Update – placement of altar and baptismal plinth**

Brian stated they are moving forward with the roof and it has been water proofed. The electrical roughing and audio are going into the ceiling next. The stainless steel cross is arrived and will be set soon. The metal stud framers will be working on the chapel and the main sanctuary and the plaster continues. The window system is also on site now and will be installed over the next few weeks. They are starting the piping and working with the air handler. The altar and plinth have been set which is very exciting. There is a lot of history in the stone and it also matches our white stone. Our Eternal Lamp made of clear cast glass in two adjoining pieces that will hold a fourteen-day candle is also on site. We have a nice good quality up lighting on the bell tower. The containers of travertine for the flooring are on the way. The landscaper is starting to get involved with the plan of 24 oak trees and 10 olive trees. There is a good joint effort and coordination by all the construction workers.

- **Completion Date / Dedication Date**

Father Mike and Brian need to review the new schedule of construction criteria dates, due to a lot of coordination work in the floor. The pew layout is driving the layout of the floor. The floor needs 300 metal studs and it's a sloping floor. Brian says, "The Lord has been on our side and we've been blessed with good subcontractors."

Father Mike is thinking a dedication Mass may be possible in September/October 2015.

Douglas shared some samples and ideas for a nice large dedication booklet for the dedication Mass. This special booklet would be a wonderful memorial for the dedication of our new STM Church building.

Douglas also will have new liturgical training for everyone. This will include the 25 people needed for the dedication Mass with the new Bishop. He would also like to hold a sound open house to test the acoustics and adjust the soundboard as needed. The

Rite of Dedication is very detailed and will be studied thoroughly as Douglas looks over the new floor plan and liturgical ministers.

Robert Habiger has videos of Mass dedications that he will share with us. There are a lot of symbols in the dedication ritual / Mass. Father Mike would like to see explanations of these rituals in our dedication Mass booklet for the parishioners.

- **St. Thomas More Tapestry – Progress Update and Memorial Items**

Robert Habiger said the tapestry is in the process of being made and will be ready for the dedication Mass. John Nava will forward him a picture of the 8' x 10' piece already made.

Father Mike talked about having memorial items sooner than later to offer to parishioners. There was discussion on offering lithographs of the tapestry or small tapestries. Also, the upscale booklet will be a free memorial given out to those who attend the dedication Mass and possibly selling the remainder booklets.

- **Marian Shrine Update**

Claire Wing will begin creating our Marian Shrine in mid- March and it may be ready for the dedication Mass. She will be presenting the concept to our team soon along with creating some full-scale items of glass for us to look at. We need to finalize the engineering to support the glass that will be in two pieces (a young Mary and the angel Gabriel with swirls of God's presence).

- **Input from Robert Habiger**

Robert was able to find a new vendor for our chairs on the altar and saved STM \$6,000. We will have 1 presider chair, 2 con-celebrant / deacon chairs, and one table. Robert would like our team to look at the priorities list and determine which items (processional cross, gift table, etc.) we still need to purchase. The paschal candle stand (63" x 4") is from the core of the baptismal font and is being donated.

He will send Douglas examples of dedication booklets for his review.

He also was approached by an artist who has the 15 stations of the cross in bronze molds (16" x 16") that are 1 and half inch thick and she would be willing to sell them to STM for \$9,000. They can take one more molding. They are ready to be mounted and can also be used outdoors. After viewing slides and some discussion, the team voted that they liked the 15 Stations of the Cross and the price for the whole set. We will be moving forward in talking to this artist.

- **Input from Team Members**

Douglas is looking into having the musical instruments (organ, speakers, etc.) being transitioned to the new church building.

Brian stated the stainless steel cross is going up very soon. He also brought in samples of the beautiful thick travertine floor tile for us to see.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Diaz