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Our Dreams Are Becoming Reality!

— by Rev. Michael Ratajczak

January 29, 2012, was an historic day for St. Thomas More Parish as we, with Bishop Brom in the lead, broke ground for our Permanent Church and Parish Offices.

The day was bright, warm, sunny, and balmy which reflected the many emotions of our Parishioners who after 27 years saw ground broken at the spot where our Church will be built.

With our previous Diocesan debt now retired, with \$4.1 million on deposit with the Diocese, and with a guaranteed Diocesan loan of \$5.4 million, we are charging full steam ahead.

Construction will begin later this year!

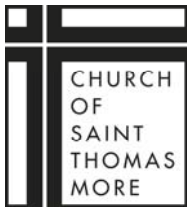
Our Architect, Renzo Zecchetto, our Liturgical Consultant, Robert Habiger, Brian Leahey, Chairperson of the New Construction Committee, and our Interior Design Team, led by Phil and Pat Goscienski, are engaged in all the efforts necessary before the construction documents can be drawn up.

There is so much that is going on “behind the scenes!”

I share this timeline of events that have been and are being accomplished, so that you are informed and, even though you may not see construction activity on our Parish Grounds, you know how much is happening:

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In naming our Parish newsletter, we remember the Tower of London where St. Thomas More spent his last days and suffered a martyr's death.



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Parish Mission Statement

To worship God, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and serve God's people in word and deed.

Dreams Becoming Reality

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1. The Interior Design Team (IDT) with the help of our Liturgical Consultant, Robert Habiger, finalized the floor layout of the new Sanctuary for presentation to the Diocesan Art & Architecture Committee. The Committee reviewed the plan and Bishop Brom gave formal approval on September 28, 2011.
2. Renzo Zecchetto, our Architect, took this floor plan and began the structural and mechanical design development tying it in with the exterior elevations of the Sanctuary on the site development plan.
3. We met with the City of Oceanside Planning and Building Department in December 2011 to present the latest floor plan and exterior elevations for conformance with our Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The plans were well received by the Department.
4. The Planning Department requested another meeting before giving final approval to the Sanctuary and latest site development plan. Renzo Zecchetto prepared the final submittal for this meeting in January 2012.
5. Renzo Zecchetto moved forward with the design development of the new Sanctuary and Parish Offices with the assistance of the Construction Company, T.B. Penick & Sons of San Diego.
6. The IDT prepared to interview artists who will be commissioned to create the Marian and St. Thomas More Shrines. Discussion also continued with our Liturgical Consultant regarding the design and creation of our altar, ambo, baptismal font, ambry, and tabernacle.

February 2012

7. Final conceptual revisions of the site improvement plan were completed. This includes the Meditation Gardens, the pathways and berms along the southwest portion of the site.
8. Provisions for a fountain were included in the final site plan.
9. The footprint along the west side of the Church was revised to comply with the City of Oceanside Planning Department requirements.
10. Initial plans for a heating/ventilation/air-conditioning delivery system for the Church were completed.





11. Engineers continued to refine structural requirements, including the foundation graded beams that support the sheer walls and roof structure of the Church.
12. The Design Engineers and Architects worked to tie the structural requirements together with the architectural design.
13. Electrical engineers performed preliminary lighting designs for the Church.
14. The IDT began interviewing 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.
15. The IDT selected artist Stephen Hirt, to create the altar, ambo, baptismal font, ambry, tabernacle, eternal lamp, and candle stands.
16. The IDT selected artist Elizabeth Devereaux, to create the stained glass windows.
17. The IDT interviewed additional artists for the Marian shrine, the St. Thomas More shrine, and the Stations of the Cross.
18. The Substantial Conformity Submittal, a requirement of St. Thomas More’s Conditional Use Permit which contains proposed site plan and exterior elevations of the Church and Parish Offices, was reviewed and approved by the Oceanside Planning Department as of February 24, 2012.

March 2012

19. The proposed Church plans were priced to ensure the budget is maintained as the design moves forward (an ongoing process).
20. Structural design continued with various cost effective foundation options being reviewed.
21. The location of the shear walls that support the Church’s roof were finalized.
22. The proposed roof structure of the Church was studied by an acoustical engineer.
23. Engineering and structural requirements for the future pipe organ was completed.

24. Electrical engineering continues with interior and exterior site lighting options being explored.
25. Final location and design of energy efficient heating and air handling units were coordinated with the structural and architectural design. This will allow for cost effective heating and cooling of the Church from floor up rather than ceiling down.
26. The IDT selected artist Claire Wing to create the Marian shrine.
27. The IDT continued to interview artists to create the main Crucifix/Crucifixion Scene for the Church.
28. The IDT continued to discuss the selection of the artist/s for the St. Thomas More shrine and the Stations of the Cross.

Breaking News!

April 2012 ~ The IDT selected artist, Lynn Kircher, to create the main Crucifix/Crucifixion Scene for the Church.

Each Sunday at Mass we pray for all the people who are working “behind the scenes.” You can see much is happening, 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 our **2012 Phase 2.1 “... A Time to Build!”** Capital Campaign, now is the time. We need you!

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



Sacramental Blessings 2011

Made One through Baptism with the Risen Lord

oneLORD,
oneFaith,
oneBaptism....

Mateo Alexander
Xavier Alexander
David Arredondo

Elle Banister
Jude Barela
Marco Bloom
Mark Bolsakov
Andres Cornejo
Adam Frost
Bryan Hawkins
Laura Hawkins
Juliette Hay

Téa Horst
Antonia Jaime
Daniel Jaime
Luka Marcelic
Shannon McCulloch
Teagan-Mary Moneymaker
Kayla Mosca
Aaron O'Neill
Ryan Piper

Mara Lyn Proctor
Madison Sullivan
Zachary Supnet
Marlie Taylor
Sadie Verdugo
Ethan Willson
Taylor Willson

Blessed by the Sacrament of Marriage

**WITH
THIS
RING...**

Melvin and Jennifer Taylor
Ernest Follis and Carmela Weinschenker
Johathan Labko and Heather Hamel

Lawrence Takvorian and Mary Williams
Jeffrey Willson and Desiree Salazar
Samuel Krebs and Courtney Wright

In Honor and Memory of Those Who Have Died



Mingo Aguilar
Bert Botkin
Ethel Brogan
Frank Brophy
Janet Broughton
Dorothea Brown
Vera Bull
Beverly Burke

Robert Butler
John Byrne
Fay Cadieux
Robert Castro
Julia Cepeda
Lorraine Christenson
Bill Clancey
Angela Curci Cutaneo
Peps Dagdayan
Robert Daly
Howard Dawson
Claire De Ainza
Joseph De Stout
Bernard Delaney
Bernard DeSimone
Vivian Doering
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Jacinto Mangahas
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Judith Peralta
James Porter
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Kathleen Scharbarth
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