

Pastor's Column

New Construction Update—May 2012

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

1. Brian Leahey, our Construction Chairperson, continues to manage the day to day coordination between Renzo Zecchetto Architects, T.B. Penick & Sons Construction Company and the various engineers and consultants, as we move through the Design Development Process.
2. Travertine flooring will be used within the church and will complement other interior finishes.
3. Large structural steel girders in the roof structure will allow for maximum clear spans over the seating area of the church. The structural steel costs are presently in line with our original budget estimates.
4. After a careful review of three proposals, a landscape architect was selected and this will complete the design team.
5. We are excited after our initial meeting with our Audio and Visual designer and the ideas and experience they bring to the team. An Acoustic Consultant will review final design.
6. The Interior Design Team (IDT) has hired Stephen Hirt to design the altar, ambo, baptismal font, ambry, processional cross, sanctuary lamp, Paschal Candle stand, ossuary, and candle stands. (www.stephenhirtstudios.com)
7. The IDT has chosen Lynn Kircher to create the Crucifix for the Church. (www.kirchersculpture.com)
8. The IDT has chosen Claire Wing to create the Marian Shrine for the Church. The Marian Shrine will be made of carved glass. An example of her work can be seen in the narthex of St. Peter the Apostle Church in Fallbrook. (www.clairewing.com)
9. Elizabeth Devereaux has been chosen to create the stained glass windows for the church. Discussion continues as to the exact number and placement of these stained glass windows. (www.devglas.com)
10. A meeting was held on Tuesday, May 8, with the artists, Stephen Hirt, Lynn Kircher, Claire Wing, and Elizabeth Devereaux; the architect, Renzo Zecchetto; the liturgical consultant, Robert Habiger; the IDT chairpersons, Phil and Pat Goscienski; and the Pastor, Fr. Mike Ratajczak. This meeting was an opportunity for everyone to meet each other, become familiar with the design of the church, and to begin the work of creating the various elements. The meeting was very fruitful!
11. Discussions continue with John Nava to create the tapestries for the St. Thomas More Shrine. John Nava created the "Communion of Saints" tapestries for Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles. (www.johnnava.com)

Each Sunday at Mass we pray for all the people who are working "behind the scenes." As you can see, much is happening, and 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 this year's **"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together" Phase 2.1 Capital Campaign**, now is the time. We need you!

For all that has been, "Thank You!" For all that will be, "Yes!"

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Brian Leahey, Chairperson, New Construction Committee

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