

Bishop Gives “Blessing” for New Church

The Steering Committee announced that the Diocese of Providence has given the parish the formal “go-ahead” to proceed with the construction of the new church. Fr. Dennis recently met with Bishop Thomas Tobin to review the financial, architectural and landscaping plans for the project. The Bishop was enthusiastic about the project, and commended the committee on their hard work and time commitment.

The committee is planning a holiday celebration at the Davis House to kick-off the start of the construction phase of the project. The formal ground-breaking will take place in the spring of 2007.

In addition, the committee received more good news. Test pits dug on the property indicate there is no ledge. Bring on the bulldozers!





September 2006 Capital Campaign Update: Good News

“Gifts in Kind” are an important part of the capital campaign. Our most recent solicitation program yielded a little more than \$100,000 in pledges. Combined with promises of “Gifts in Kind” (material and/or labor), we have crested \$1,900,000. This fall, we will launch a solicitation campaign directed to local businesses. Every dollar we raise puts us on a more solid footing, reduces the amount of long term-debt we have to carry and helps ensure we can continue a high-quality project.

Another important factor? Every dollar we raise during this first phase brings us that much closer to launching the second phase of the project—the construction of the new parish center.

Cap all this with very favorable estimated construction cost from two general contractors, and we are off and running for a late fall ground breaking. Major construction will begin in the spring of 2007.

Our next step is to meet with the Diocesan Capital Committee and the Diocesan Priest Council for final clearance to build. In the meantime, our architect is bringing the plans to the 80%-complete level, so they can be submitted to general contractors for competitive bidding. We have two general contractors that have been involved in the cost-estimating process. We will most likely stay with the same two and, perhaps, add a third one.

Another important part of the project addresses the zoning and permitting that must be done. Our lawyer, Mark McSally, has started those wheels turning. Mark has been working with our architect to prepare the necessary documents to go before Technical Review Committee, the precursor to meeting with the North Kingstown Zoning Board.

Steering Committee Update



Steering Committee members John Gibbons (l) and Tom Orsi check out the latest figures

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The Steering Committee has been working all spring with our architect, Michael Viveiros, to modify the design documents for the new church on the Davis property. In order to stay within our budget on Phase I of the project, the committee has been reworking the design and program for the new church. Concessions are being made in size, roofing and flooring material and the façade, just to mention a few changes. Adjustments in the orientation of the building and the size of the parking lot are also being considered in order to stay within our budget. Any changes in the design documents must take in consideration any future additions to the parish campus. Phase II will include administrative office space, gathering areas and classrooms. Our goal is to build a first class new facility to meet all the needs of our growing parish. A gala ground-breaking celebration is planned for the fall of 2006. Details to follow!