

New Church Project Status – August 29

As the new school year is about to begin, we are pleased to report that we have been working hard on the Design Development Phase of the New Church Project since May.

Design Development has taken approximately 4 months to complete and is overlapped by the Cost Review Phase of the project. We expect to be able to begin creating Construction Documents by the end of September. The Construction Documents are basically detailed instructions on what we want built. These will be used to bid out our project and will take approximately 4 months to create. The expected completion date is January 31, 2016.

In parallel to the Design Development Phase we have been preparing a Construction Manager agreement and expect to request proposals for a Construction Manager in October. This will allow us to evaluate the best firms to consider when we request their final proposals after receipt of the Construction Documents.

We still expect to “break Ground” in late spring of 2016 and be in our New Church in the summer of 2017. We will do everything we can to speed the process and stay on schedule, but also recognize that we need to do the job right and come as close to our budget as possible.

As of July 31, 2015, 959 parishioners have pledged an average amount just under \$3,300, and we have \$5.87M designated for the project. **This is approximately 88% of our goal.** We’re not quite there yet, but are pleased to report that new pledges and donations still continue to come in each month!

Thank you to all who have pledged, who have donated without pledging, and who have prayed for our success. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

We have also begun work on new, exciting initiatives to build our Parish Community. The initiatives span social functions, family and youth activities, and outreach to local businesses and foundations. We have a large and growing group of parishioners who are coming together to have fun and build awareness of St. Edwards. The first initiative in this area is a Gala planned for May 13, 2016 at the Vista Restaurant. This will be a major Parish event to kick off our “Ground Breaking”. We will have more information on this in the coming months, but if you are interested in lending your time or talents to the Gala or any other activity associated with the New Church project please let us know.

Now that we are getting closer to the construction phase, we will be updating you monthly on progress, but if you have any questions about the Building Project, the Capital Campaign, the Parish Community building efforts, or any other phase of the project, please review the materials on our parish website (www.stedwardsny.org) or contact a member of the Master Planning or Capital Campaign Committees.

Yours in Christ,

Father Patrick Butler