

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You...



The Church of the Holy Cross

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Dear Fellow Holy Crucians,

Blessings and peace. This letter is being sent to everyone in our parish to provide an update on our building campaigns and construction progress. By Easter the landscaping should be finished, completing the first phase of construction. The ***Growing Inside Out*** capital campaign was launched a few weeks ago to raise the funds for the next phase. While there has been a lot of information about our progress available in a variety of places, we want to address every single member of Holy Cross through this letter to be certain that everyone is informed.

A lot has happened here at Holy Cross over the last few years. We had a very successful capital campaign, the ***Raising the Roof*** campaign. **Thank you all for your generous support.** When we started that campaign, we thought that it would result in a completed expansion—that we would literally have a new roof. Due to a variety of circumstances, the amount of work required to realize the original project increased. Thus, we were not able to complete the whole project in one phase. But, we did accomplish a significant amount:

- Parking is much improved and expanded
- A huge underground water retention vault is installed with collection systems sufficient to support not only this expansion, but future expansions
- Underground infrastructure for this and future expansions is complete
- Design and drawings are complete for the entire expansion
- In short, we have done the site work and laid the groundwork for this and future expansions of Holy Cross!

So why did changes need to be made in the original scope of “phase one”? Well, a little bit of review may be in order. The original budget was based upon a concept—preliminary ideas of what the floor plan would be. How did we end up being this far off with our budget? One of the best explanations I heard came from one of our fellow parishioners. He pointed out that in a new software project the range of possible costs can be very wide because there are many unknowns. As the project moves towards completion, the range becomes narrower because more and more of the unknowns are defined. We ran into far more unknowns than our share which resulted in increased costs.

One of the unknowns at the time was the site work, and, as it turned out, the requirements caught us by surprise. In short, we never anticipated the extent of the site work the City of Redmond would require. Partially as a result of these requirements, our “soft” costs (primarily architect, engineering and landscape design fees), in the end, amounted to a very large sum. But none of it was a lack of diligence on the part of any of our members or volunteers.

As mentioned above, there is an abundance of information available. This information is available at our Enrichment Gatherings currently being held as part of our ***Growing Inside Out*** Campaign, on our website www.HolyCrossRedmond.org/Growing, or just ask any of us if you would like to get more details.

Again, thank you for your generous and faithful support of our building expansion. We hope that all of you will join us in celebrating what has been accomplished, and engage in the discussion of how we will proceed from here. Working together we will complete the task begun to the glory of God.

Faithfully yours,

Dave Hutchinson, Chris Fraley, Bob Hathaway, Kelvie Comer, Father Jim Eichner

...because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.