

Dear Friends,

Some of you have received word, but I want everyone to celebrate the latest milestone regarding our Adoration Chapel. A couple weeks ago we presented the plans (about 50% complete) to the Diocesan Review Board. We received positive compliments, they wanted a couple clarifications, and they offered a few suggestions. The architect is working hard to complete the plans so they may be presented this month (July 19) to the Board again, so we can present them to the City of Walnut Creek for approval and permit. Keep this project in your prayers – big time – as there are still a couple things that need to be worked out. Hopefully nothing that adds greatly to the price tag!



Last week the County Fire Inspector paid us (and the School) a visit. Several things need to be corrected (like emergency lighting that is burned out) and some maintenance on the fire extinguishers and the exhaust hood in the kitchen. The biggest thing, however, is that we have been told that the tent outside the St. Elizabeth Hall **MUST** be made to comply with Code: because of its size (1,500 sq. ft.), it would have to be equipped with fire sprinklers and its own fire alarm detection. The maximum size tent is supposedly 1,400 square feet. So the tent will temporarily be coming down so that the appropriate size can be constructed and we will be in line with the Fire Code. We will be sharing this expense with the School, but we may be coming to you for a special collection to pay for it. I am sure it will not be cheap!

Beginning this week, we will be remodeling both the former School Tech Lab as well as the former parish “Our Space.” We believe that when this project is complete, all of us will benefit. We are planning to improve the audio/visual equipment in the new parish space (we’re still working on the name for the room) so it will meet the many needs of those who meet there.

So please be patient during this transition time. There may be some inconvenience, and some groups may have to take a week or two off for “vacation” until the meeting space is completed.

May the Lord bless us as we move forward, and may we always celebrate the grace of God’s love in our lives as we share it with one another. Have a great week!

Father Fred