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As we approach the middle of February, it is our hope that most of our parishioners have taken the opportunity to do a “walk through” of the new church with a member of the Building Committee. Some have gone through more than once and have observed the steady progress under winter conditions.

Great results have been achieved in completing the enclosure of all the walls, a difficult task given the multiple curved surfaces and our own specification of two layers of board. Plastering has also progressed. This is a very delicate task to get right and we are making no compromises. The temperature must be just right and for this reason we have installed a temporary heating system. But even with this capability, we have guarded against too much heat in the dome which has now been completed and prime coat painted. We have had a chance to inspect the plaster and it is perfect.

With the completion of the plastering, future steps will include the flooring consisting of marble and carpet in the sanctuary and marble, tile and carpet elsewhere. Light fixtures are already being installed as soon will be plumbing fixtures. The permanent heat and air conditioning equipment is nearing completion as well. As of our most recent reports, the new church should be ready to be inspected for its Certificate of Occupancy in mid-April.

All this takes money and borrowed funds are not something we plan on carrying for long. Please, if you have not yet filled out a pledge card, do so now as we near completion. If you wish, as some have indicated and many have done, to increase your existing pledge, this is a great time to do so as time is running out to make such a commitment prior to completion of construction.

Thanks to the over eighty who serve on the Development Committee, its Interior Design and Furnishings Sub-Committee, the Finance Committee and Communications Committee. And most importantly, thanks to the faith, hope and generosity of our parish that had the capacity to understand, capture and make our dream come true!

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