



Groundbreaking Ceremony

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Good afternoon, everyone.

What an exciting and historic day! Today we celebrate the beginning of something we have hoped for, worked for, and prayed for – for a long time. We are celebrating the future of our parish. This new church will be a place for generations of families to come together and celebrate baptisms, first communions and weddings. It will be a place where we celebrate moments of great joy and a place where we find comfort and strength during the difficult moments of our lives.

Building this church will not only help our parish grow in numbers, but it will help us continue to grow in faith, in community, and in our commitment to God and each other.

As exciting as this new building is, I think it is important to remember that a church is only as strong as the people who make up the parish family.

The building cannot create and sustain a community. We do that. The building cannot welcome a new family. We do that. The building cannot teach our children, serve those in need, volunteer at parish events, or reach out to someone who is struggling. We do that.

So, as we celebrate this new beginning, I want to encourage each of us to stay involved. Continue coming to mass. Continue volunteering. Continue supporting the parish ministries. Bring your children and grandchildren. Invite your friends. Get to know the people sitting around you. Look for opportunities to serve. And perhaps most importantly, continue to make this parish a place where people feel they belong and where we all continue to grow closer to God.

There will be a lot of excitement as we watch our church go up. There may also be challenges along the way. Construction takes time and big projects are rarely completed without unexpected obstacles. But those challenges are part of our story too. **Part of our faith journey.**

When we finally walk through the doors of our new church, I hope we remember that we didn't just watch it go up---we, **by God's grace**, helped build it.

Through our prayers...through our time, our generosity, our involvement. And through our faith in God and the future of this parish.

So let us celebrate this moment. **Let us be grateful to God and for everyone who helped bring us to this day.**