Bishop Vann to Dedicate New Parish Church in Ladera Ranch

Description

Expansion is emblematic of the exponential growth of Catholic Community in Southern California
Garden Grove, Calif., (Nov. 2, 2017) – The Most Reverend Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, will celebrate the solemn dedication of Holy Trinity Church in Ladera Ranch (1600 Corporate Dr., Ladera Ranch) on November 11, 2017 at 2 p.m. Bishop Vann will join with Rev. Reynold Furrell, parish pastor, and an energetic congregation of more than 2,000 families for this momentous event in the life of the Catholic Church in Orange County, Calif. This dedication marks a major milestone for this parish community that was founded in 2005 and celebrated its first Sunday liturgies in an area park. “I am blessed to join with the families of Holy Trinity to consecrate their beautiful new church. I have been heartened by the passion and energy of this parish as they have humbly toiled alongside their pastor to make this dream a reality. They have never strayed from the path and have achieved the impressive goal of building their new spiritual home in twelve short years through the Grace of God,” said Bishop Vann. Ground was broken for the new 18,352 square foot Spanish mission style church in March of 2016. The project was designed by Lundstrom and Associates and Illig Construction has served as the general contractor. The total budget for this facility is $13.8 million and the capacity of the church is 1,243. The church includes some interesting interior elements, including a 40 foot tall altar piece painted by Joseph Adolphe, depicting the crucifixion. Two commissioned paintings of the Risen Christ and The Pieta, as well as four commissioned icons adorn the interior spaces of the church. Additionally, the 18th century tabernacle and stained glass from the Marywood Chapel at the site of the former Diocesan Chancellery facility in Orange have been re-purposed in the church. “It has been a true light in my life to bring together this amazing community of faith. The building of our true Church, the families that celebrate together, has been a blessing and is at the heart of my calling as a priest. We now have the opportunity to celebrate together in a space that is our own and fitting of the inspirational beauty of our community, their faithful witness, and our God,” said Fr. Furrell. **History of Holy Trinity Parish** On July 1, 2005 Holy Trinity Parish was established in the burgeoning community of Ladera Ranch. The Most Rev. Tod Brown, former Bishop of the Diocese of Orange, had the foresight to purchase a 7 acre parcel of land for a future parish in the area years before, understanding that the communities being envisioned for the area would require a house of worship. The current pastor of the parish, Rev. Reynold Furrell was appointed as the founding pastor and he went to work building this community. The first Mass for the new parish was celebrated in a nearby park, the Town Green, on July 3, 2005. More than 700 people gathered in communion for the first of many “Masses on the Grass.” In late October of 2005 the growing community was able to move their Masses inside the newly constructed Oso Grande elementary school. By July of 2006, the parish had grown significantly with three Sunday liturgies and 240 children in its faith formation programs. Fundraising for the new church began that same year. By March of 2016 ground was broken. Pastoral Center: Communications Department 13280 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840 **office:** 714-282-3075 **fax:** 714-282-302

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