Bishop Breaks Ground on New Catholic Church in Ladera Ranch

Description

Holy Trinity Catholic Church – the newest Catholic parish in the Diocese of Orange – celebrated its groundbreaking, marking 11 years of fundraising efforts toward construction of the 18,328-square-foot church. Marking the end of 11 years of fundraising and the energetic building of the parish community, the Most Rev. Tod Brown, Bishop Emeritus of Orange, broke ground on Holy Trinity Catholic Church's new 18,328-square-foot church on March 13. The parish, founded on seven acres of land donated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, held its first Mass on July 3, 2005 in the Ladera Ranch Town Green gazebo. From these modest beginnings, Holy Trinity now has more than 2,000 registered families and has raised nearly $7 million for the building of their new church, due to be completed the Spring of 2017. "I am blessed to join the vibrant and faith-filled community of Holy Trinity to break ground on their new church. This community has grown in faith together, celebrating Mass on the lawn and building their flock. This new church is an important mission of care, education and outreach within the growing communities in this area," said Bishop Brown. With the construction of several new communities in the area, including the building of 25,000 new homes by Rancho Mission Viejo, Holy Trinity's new church will be an increasingly needed facility for catholic families. Irvine-based Lundstrom & Associates Architects designed the contemporary Spanish mission-style church, which will seat 1,200. The new church will feature a Mexican tabernacle from the 19th century, stained-glass windows from 1963, and newly commissioned artwork. The 12 stained-glass windows are being repurposed from the old Marywood Campus chapel and will welcome visitors from a dramatic 40-foot floor-to-ceiling display in the foyer and nave. "Our parish community has been blessed by God and the generosity of our community. We have spent years growing together in faith and are excited to build a physical structure that can help us meet the many needs of our growing community," said Rev. Reynold Furrell, founding pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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