



ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

You ask, we answer...

So, when will our new church be built, anyway?

Excellent question. First of all, what we're talking about is Phase I of the Parish construction plan, which is technically the "Parish Community Center." The dates are still being determined, but we anticipate breaking ground in late 2010, which would place us in our new building in 2011. We officially took title to the property on December 10th.

How much will the new facility cost?

To finance the construction of our Parish Community Center, we must borrow from our "bank," the Diocese of Orlando. We will be taking on two separate loans. The first loan is for about \$4.3 million, which will pay for building construction. The second loan for about \$1.32 million will pay for site development. These loans will be paid back through your *Alive in Christ* pledges, 10% of the weekly collection, and revenue from childcare.

Why were we delayed?

Alas, the larger economy has impacted our construction plans. The second loan for site development depends on the sale of diocesan property in Viera. The sale has been delayed until summer 2010. Once the Diocese has money to loan us, we are the Diocese's top priority.

Will we keep using Stone Lakes during the delay?

Yes.

How big will our new church—sorry, Parish Community Center—be?

With 700 seats for Mass, the new 20,000 sq. ft. Parish Community Center will provide a permanent home where the St. Maximilian Kolbe family can gather together. The facility will also provide classrooms for faith formation and a kitchen for events. In addition, there will be childcare facilities and a Blessed Sacrament chapel.

Where will it be located?

The property is conveniently located on Mailer Blvd. across the street from Avalon Middle School.

Will Phase II of the construction plan include the formal church building?

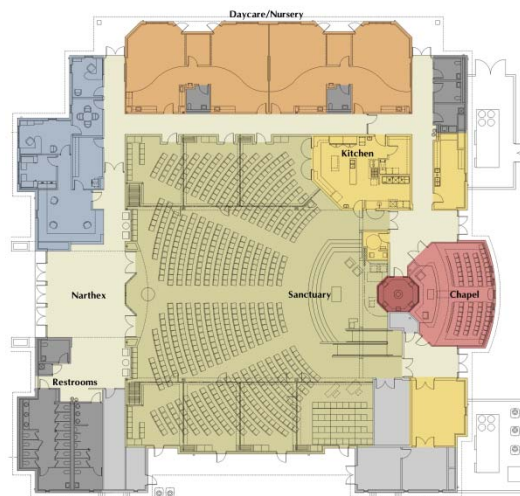
Indeed it will.

When will Phase II be built?

It's probably best for us to complete construction of Phase I before we start thinking about Phase II. Once we pay off the loans for Phase I we will start work on Phase II. That will likely be some years down the road.

Where can we find more information about the building plans?

The best place to find out all the latest information is our Web site: www.avaloncatholic.org.



When I look at the construction site master plan I see a baseball diamond. Why do we have that?

We were very fortunate that the developer of Avalon Park donated the land to our parish. Part of the land donation condition is to build a recreation area for the community to enjoy. We view this as a blessing. It's a tremendous opportunity for us to be a part of the fabric of the neighborhood and to open our spiritual home to all who want to know Christ better.

Can you refresh my memory on *Alive in Christ*?

Of course. *Alive in Christ* is the Diocese's capital campaign. Money is being raised to address many important areas all across the Diocese, including parish construction. For more about the *Alive in Christ* campaign, check out this introductory video online <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26Ufsr98uTY> or go to www.bealiveinchrist.org. Each family in the parish is asked to prayerfully consider its own level of contribution and to act on that consideration by contacting Shann Roach at stewardship@avaloncatholic.org.

May God bless everyone in the St. Maximilian Kolbe family this Christmas season!