

Pocatello parish breaks ground

POCATELLO — Leaders from Holy Spirit Catholic Community broke ground for a new church and school at the existing parish July 28.

“While this is just the beginning of a long project, it’s a very humble but important step in eventually building a new Holy Spirit Church and School,” said Father Enrique Terriquez, pastor of Holy Spirit. “The community has been very supportive so far and it’s good to see some actual construction work result from that generosity.”

Mark Dahlquist, Building Core Committee chairman, acknowledged that it would take some time before a new building is ready. “We know this is an arduous task, but today we start the slow, steady climb uphill.”

Local leaders praised the parish for taking the first step. “This is one of the great days in Pocatello and I think it’s a day all of us can reflect upon and be proud of,” said Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase.

The ceremony took place at the church’s property on Gathe Road, and marked the beginning of work on the offsite sewer system to the building site.

The cost of completing the new church building is yet to be determined. The architects, BCDM in Omaha, are currently working through the schematic design phase of the project.



BREAKING NEW GROUND — Leaders from Holy Spirit Catholic Community and Pocatello scooped the first shovelfuls of dirt July 28 from a site near the existing parish for a new church and school. From left are Kevin Strehle from BCDM Architects; Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase; Father Adrian Vazquez, parochial vicar; Father Enrique Terriquez, pastor; Mark Dahlquist, Building Core Committee chairman; and civil engineer Jeremy Manska. (ICR photo courtesy of Holy Spirit Catholic Community)

Other infrastructure work, including the access road, laying utilities to the pad site and pad preparation could begin

by this fall. A new school building is also part of the long-term construction plan.

CCI to host citizenship classes

NAMPA — Catholic Charities of Idaho, the Idaho Community Action Network and Railsback Law Office are offering citizenship classes beginning Aug. 20 at the Catholic Charities office, 1703 Third St. North.

Among the topics to be covered are an overview of the application and interview process, a review of the application form, practicing conversational English and mock interviews, and a review of the questions on U.S. history and government.

Classes are limited to 40 students and registration is required. For more information, call 466-9926.



SUMMER CAMP ENDS — A group of summer campers from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Coeur d’Alene, met with their pastor, Father William C. Crowley in mid-July in front of a mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the last day of Camp Tekakwitha 2009. The mural was painted during the week-long summer camp by St. Thomas Youth group volunteers. (ICR photo courtesy of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish)

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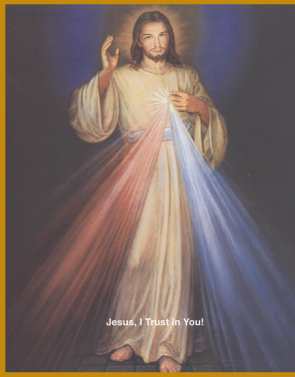
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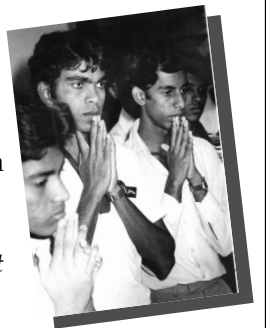
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