

## **Update on St. Monica's Parish Redevelopment**

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Recently, His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins received permission from the Holy See to proceed with the planned redevelopment of our parish site at 44 Broadway Avenue.

This milestone is a very happy occasion for us all, since it means that we have official permission from Rome to proceed further in our planning and implementation process with the developer that we have chosen to build our new church.

Part of what is required now for us to go ahead with the next step, is to plan for the eventual preparation of the land of our parish site for the construction of the new church building. This will of course require, at some point in the future, the removal and protection (to the best of our ability) of all sacred objects for future use in the new building, and the deconstruction of the current building. We anticipate this will happen in or around 2022. Before that can be done, however, the Holy See requires that Cardinal Collins announce his intention to allow us to do these things.

So today, I would like to read to you an official document from Cardinal Collins in which he declares his intention to allow the current building to be transitioned to a secular use, so that it can be deconstructed, and we can proceed with our plans to build a new church.

At some time shortly before these plans are implemented in 2022, the archbishop will come and celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with us, to thank God for the many blessings we have received as a community from the current building, and to pray for the success of the new building to come. We will have more information about that Mass in the future as that date approaches.

At present, if you have any questions or concerns about what this announcement means for our community, please do not hesitate to speak with me after Mass today or reach out to me by Friday, February 1, 2019.

May the Lord bless our plans and efforts to continue to make St. Monica's a vibrant parish and a holy witness of good works for all. Thank you.