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Groundbreaking and Blessing at Regina Caeli in Houston!

On Saturday, December 20, 2014, over 200 faithful joined His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and Fr. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP, in a site blessing and groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of the first phase of construction of Regina Caeli Parish. Regina Caeli is the first parish in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in over 40 years that is devoted exclusively to the Traditional Latin Rite. The new parish will be located on a 40-acre rural site in northwest Houston near Fairbanks North Houston Road.

The first building to be constructed will be St. Athanasius Chapel/Hall, which will seat 350 and serve temporarily as the main church for the
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left to right: Mr. Jerry Tipps, Fr. Charles Van Vliet, His Eminence Cardinal DiNardo, Fr. Paul Lockey, and Judge Frank Rynd joyfully inaugurate the first phase of construction for Regina Caeli Parish in Houston.

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parish. When funds are gathered to complete the rest of the parish campus, St. Athanasius will be converted for use as a parish hall.

The groundbreaking was held in a large tent set up for the ceremony, as it followed a day of heavy rain which left much of the site a quagmire. Cardinal DiNardo quipped that it was more like the “parting of the Jordan” than the breaking of the ground! Following the opening prayers and a recitation of the Litany of the Saints, His Eminence intoned the blessing of the grounds, calling on God to “... bless, consecrate and protect from devilish infection these acres...”



A large tent was set up on the rain-soaked property for the groundbreaking ceremony.



His Eminence incenses the 200+ parishioners who attended.

Conception Church, El Paso), and Frs. Philip Wolfe, FSSP and Terrence Gordon, FSSP (Mater Dei Catholic Parish, Irving, TX).

Fr. Van Vliet thanked all who made this day possible, most especially His Eminence Cardinal DiNardo; Betty Lee White, who donated the land; Fr. Paul Lockey, whose church Regina Caeli Parish has been operating out of since it was formally erected a parish in 2013; and the faithful, who have offered prayers, labor and capital to make construction possible.



His Eminence greeted the parishioners after the ceremony.

As the ceremony came to an end, the church bell tolled noon and Cardinal DiNardo led the faithful in the Angelus. *Te Deum laudamus!*



Fraternity priests (l-r) Fr. Phil Wolfe, Fr. Terrence Gordon, Fr. Charles Van Vliet, and Fr. John Shannon converse with Cardinal DiNardo.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 A.M. (in the Family Life Center)

Monday – Friday 6:30 A.M.; Saturday 7:30 A.M.

Colorado

Colorado Springs, Littleton

Florida

Sarasota, Fort Myers, Naples, Ocala

Georgia

Mableton

Idaho

Coeur d'Alene