

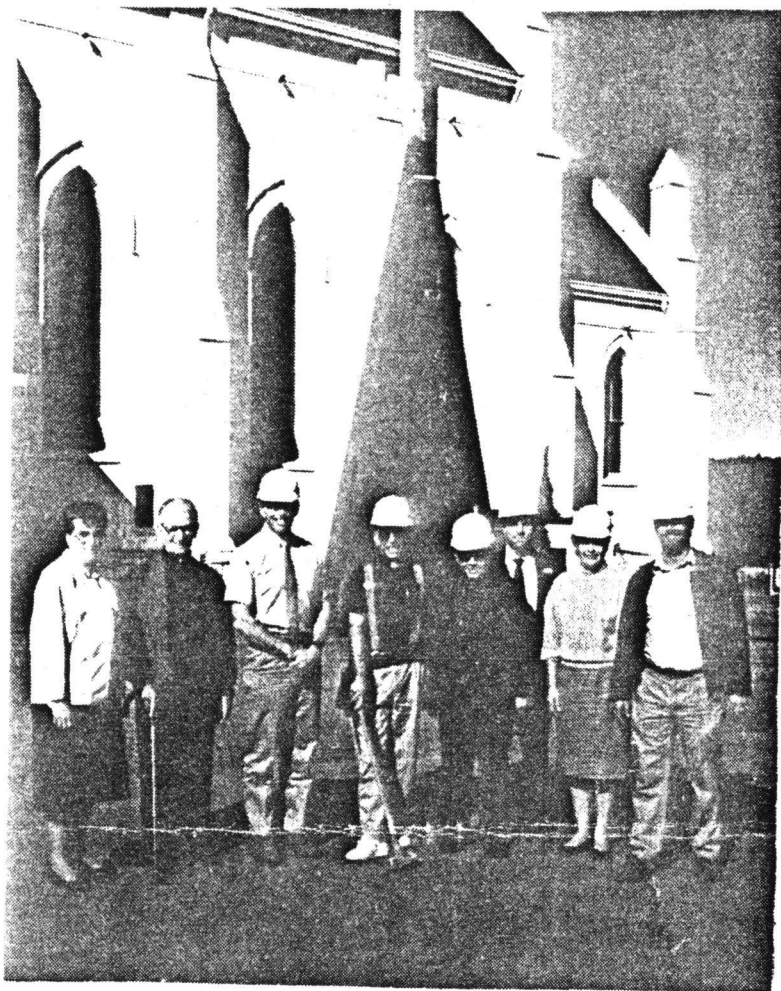
In the great, world-wide Roman Catholic tradition of monument building and preservation, reconstruction and retrofitting of Holy Cross Church will soon begin.

Now that all the foreseen and unforeseen delays have been survived, now that the business and legal challenges have been met, we are at last about to hear hammers pound and watch dust fly. Tomorrow begin the days of actual reconstruction that will step by step return us safely to our church building.

This page is the first of a twice-monthly news letter that will keep the parish informed of progress and development in the construction and retrofitting. We hope in this manner to give you a picture and plan stage by stage as our beautiful but broken church gets fixed. (If there are any questions about the work being done, or if you have suggestions for matters you would like addressed in this space, drop a note at the rectory.)

The general contractor, VSL, will start showing up for work on Monday, March 2nd, 1992, God willing. However, during this week just past, artist Andrzej Bossak, who will be restoring the fine painting in the church interior, has been assessing the condition of the plaster there to prepare for his own work, as well as to ensure that the exterior work of construction will not further disturb the paintings. Also, site preparation has been going on for some days now.

As to the general plan of reconstruction: Of course, as you would suppose, there is a schedule for the many weeks of labor that lie ahead. We can expect inexactness because of this or that task taking longer than thought for any sort of unforeseen reason. But, it could happen that some task might come in early. All in all, it must be understood that any schedule is rough due to the very nature of construction work. In our next 'Construction News' insert for March 15th, we will provide a week-by-week schedule. The most visibly interesting jobs will be



Sr. Barbara, Msgr. Buckley, Wayne Shaffer, Fr. Mike, Fr. Paul, Bob Semas, Gladys Cox, and Mike Day pose in celebration of rebuilding.

highlighted. In this way we hope to provide an overview of the progress from part to part of your church as it is mended.

The first item on the master plan is 'Mobilization', which is, simply, that in week one, starting tomorrow, trucks equipment and crews will converge on Holy Cross. This is a period of orientation when materials and tools arrive and workers learn the site and their specific tasks. The next weeks of work call for the building of scaffolding.

And so all the dust and noise begin, after the long days of executive labor--hundreds of hours of meetings, phonecalls, paperwork, and thought which have brought the project to its concrete phase. Now laborers, artisans and artists come together to re-create Holy Cross Church, a monument being made anew for use by a vital parish.