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# Holy Cross plans approved

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## Sentinel staff report

SANTA CRUZ — A master plan for the development of the Holy Cross Catholic Church property that includes a new community center has been approved by the City Council.

The expansion, which will occur over the next 15 years, has been designed to skirt any areas where sensitive historical artifacts might be buried. The church occupies Mission Hill, the birthplace of Santa Cruz as the site of the early-day mission.

Construction will occur between the church and the old high school building, which will be remodeled during Phase 2 for use by junior high school students from the nearby parochial school.

Phase 1 will include building a new community center and sports center, installing a historical garden next to the church where the old Indian burial ground is located, expanding the sports field down

toward Mora Street and removing the pavilion that has served the church since the earthquake.

In addition to remodeling the old high school building, Phase 2 will include removing the portable buildings from the existing grammar school.

During Phase 3, church officials will build a new parish center, and then relocate the rectory building and install a courtyard. Brick pavers and a low wall would be used to dress up the parking lot that will serve the new facilities.

Architects told the council that the design of the new facilities would reflect both the Gothic nature of the sanctuary and the Spanish style of the old high school.

The church also will help pay for a bike route across the property next to Highway 1 that will connect existing bike ways.