Pavilion moves to Holy Cross

Tent becomes church's second home since earthquake

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SANTA CRUZ — The pavilion that housed displaced downtown businesses since the earthquake has been packed up and moved up the hill to Holy Cross Catholic Church.

The Rev. Joe Occhiuto said the pavilion will be erected beginning Monday in the parking lot behind Holy Cross Convent. He hopes to hold Sunday Mass there beginning Aug. 19.

"It's going to be nice to have another new home," Occhiuto said.

The parish has had to move wice in less than nine months. After the church was damaged in the

Oct. 17 earthquake, masses were held in the 74-year-old Holy Cross Hall next door. But a pre-dawn fire destroyed the hall June 30. Since then, Mass has been celebrated outdoors in the quad of Holy Cross Elementary School.

The portable pavilion came down last week after the final tenant, the clothing store Cat n' Canary, moved to larger quarters at the corner of Cathcart Street and Pacific Avenue.

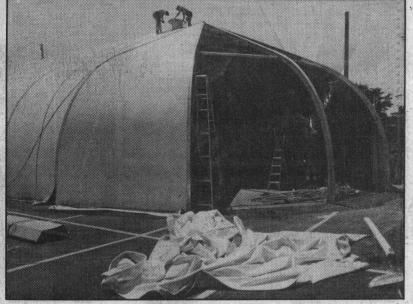
Occhiuto said an arrangement was worked out with the Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce, which leased the portable building from its Canadian manufacturer. The city planning department approved an administrative use per-

mit and design permit to place the pavilion on the parking lot for up to a year, zoning administrator Ken Thomas said.

Occhiuto said crews from VSL Corp. of Campbell will begin putting up the aluminum ribs Monday. The potential for liability problems prevents church volunteers from working on the pavilion.

The same construction company is designing a retrofit plan for the church. Occhiuto said he hopes the church building will be usable early next year.

The reconstruction, including replacing the steeple, should take about four months once final city approval is given, Occhiuto said.



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Dismantled pavilion will see duty at Holy Cross.