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### **Breaking ground for the future of the diocese**

Join Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD, as he breaks ground for the future of the Diocese of Beaumont.

Plans for a new Catholic Pastoral Center (Chancery) will get underway as ground is broken Aug. 16 at 11:15 a.m. at the corner of Wall and Archie behind historic St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica in downtown Beaumont. The new Center will replace a nearly 80-year-old building and house diocesan ministries under one roof.

The new building will be funded with monies raised during the “quiet” phase of the \$25 million “Together for God’s Good Work” Capital Campaign delayed because of Hurricane Ike. The campaign, which would provide endowments for a variety of ministries, parish projects as well as diocesan building projects, is scheduled to resume in January 2010 in parishes and missions in Southeast Texas.

“Since the inception of our diocese, we have housed many of our ministries in a building constructed in the 1920s and once used as a convent. The building has become inadequate and inefficient. Operations and maintenance will be more cost effective at the new building,” Bishop Guillory said in making the announcement.

The Diocese decided to move forward with building projects because of escalating construction costs.