

## **ARMED FORCES HONOR GARDEN UPDATE**

Thanks to the silent auction on Sunday, April 30, at the Volunteers Appreciation Dinner where Adam Garcia, a talented parishioner and owner of AG Leather in Kingsland, donated a leather artwork of St. Paul that brought in a bid of \$2,400 from an anonymous group of donors, and other donations, including for Memorial Stars, Plaques and Pavers that brought in close to \$7,000, the Armed Forces Honor Garden is only \$56,000 short of its goal.

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church's pastor, Father Ruben Patíño, CSP, said he was hopeful that others who are considering donating to the honor garden would give it their prayerful consideration so that the project could be completed by the end of May.

The original estimate for the project was \$160,000, but after receiving only one bid at over \$260,000, the project committee met with the architect and contractor and reworked the garden project, which is now expected to cost just under \$215,000.

"We're almost there," said Father Patíño. "We hope to dedicate the garden in early June.

Forms for memorials and messages for the Plaques, Stars and Pavers are available at St. Paul's parish office (830-598-8342) or by going to the web site at <http://stpaulshorseshoebay.org>. The Memorial Stars are priced at \$250; 5x3 plaques at \$200 or 15x5 plaques at \$600; and paving stones (15x3) at \$150 each.

Other special memorial opportunities, including scripture quotes, are available and those interested should contact Father Patíño at the parish office.

Landscape architect for the project is Studio | 16:19 of Round Rock. Westway Custom Builders of Horseshoe Bay is the contractor.

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