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Cathedral cornerstone unveiling is Saturday Bishop Stika, Cardinal Rigali, Father Boettner will preside

KNOXVILLE—The engraved cornerstone for the new Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be unveiled during a special celebration on Saturday, March 25, at 11 a.m. at the cathedral construction site on Northshore Drive in Knoxville.

The cornerstone, which weighs more than 3,000 pounds, is made of Vermont marble and was recently engraved to include the name of the new cathedral, its future dedication date, and a passage from the Gospel of Matthew. The names of the bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville and the pope will be added at the time of the cathedral dedication in March 2018.

Media are invited to cover Saturday's cornerstone unveiling, which will include readings from Sacred Scripture, prayers, and music. The celebration is expected to last approximately 20-30 minutes. Bishop Stika, Cardinal Rigali, and Father Boettner will be available for interviews following the ceremony.

The public is invited to attend, and tours of the cathedral will be conducted following the celebration until 2 p.m.

Construction of the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus started in April 2015 and will continue through 2017. The new cathedral is scheduled to be dedicated on March 3, 2018.