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Officials Celebrate Construction at Former Church



The former St. Aidan's Church, Brookline

Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, Congressman Barney Frank, and state and local officials gathered last week to celebrate the construction of 59 mixed-income units at the former St. Aidan's Church in Brookline.

The project is being developed by the Archdiocese of Boston-affiliated Planning Office for Urban Affairs at the site of a closed Catholic church near Coolidge Corner. The development includes 20 rentals for people earning up to 60 percent of the area median income.

It also features townhouses for first-time buyers earning up to 80 percent of the area median income. Those units will be priced from \$147,000 to \$177,000. One unit will be for a family earning up to 110 percent of the area median income and will be priced at \$225,000.

The remaining units will be market-rate condos. Fourteen units will have prices ranging from \$360,000 to about \$860,000. The church itself is being transformed into nine luxury condos that will be listed for more than \$1 million.

The development has been in the works for nearly eight years. Construction started in March. The start of the project was delayed because of negotiations with residents, town officials, neighbors and abutter lawsuits.