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*Accept, O Lord, our
thanks and praise for all
that you have done for us.
We thank you especially
for setting us at tasks
which demand our best
efforts, and hold the
promise for leading us to
accomplishments which
satisfy and delight.*

*Be present with us as we
work together: make us
responsive to your will
and give to us a healthy
pride in all we do that we
may be good stewards of
all things entrusted to us.*

*May the prayers of our
patron Bernard help us to
keep in mind the wise
counsel given long ago
"whoever would climb to
a lofty height must go by
steps, not leaps."*

*We ask this through
Christ our Lord.*

Amen

June 1, 2003

Dear Parishioner:

Several months ago Father Dennis formed the Steering Committee to take the next step with the Davis property as proposed by St. Bernard's Strategic Plan. That step was to assess the feasibility of using the Davis property to build a new church, parish center, rectory and possibly a school. After interviewing six architectural firms, the Steering Committee voted to hire the Providence-based firm of Durkee, Brown, Viveiros & Werenfels, Architects, to help us create a Master Plan for the property. A Master Plan is a road map for programming needs associated with grounds and facilities. It will be based on the long-term planning goals of St. Bernard's.

We have met with architects Martha Werenfels and Mike Viveiros twice now to review the contract, discuss basic information, and develop a list of questions that need to be answered by various parish ministries. A six-month timeline has been established to complete the Master Plan phase. The end product is expected to be a report containing schematic drawings of the site layout, a rendering of the proposed design, and a summary of design priorities and cost estimates. It will provide us with a basic outline of what we can build on the land and about how much we will have to spend. The Master Plan will not be a detailed blueprint of individual rooms. More comprehensive plans will be drawn up in a later phase of the project should we decide to proceed.

The Master Plan is only step 1 in a process that may take a few years to complete. During this time, the Steering Committee is determined to keep open the lines of communication with all parishioners. We will be providing updates in the bulletin as often as possible and welcome any questions you may have. Often we will either be asking you questions or answering questions that you asked us. We are working on setting up a new email address to which you can send any comments or questions that you may have. In the meantime you can send an email to parishcenter@sbcwickford.org. Of course, you can always speak directly to any member of the Steering Committee or call Jane at the Parish Center.

Thanks,
The Steering Committee:

Question for Sunday, June 1, 2003

List the 3 things you like most about our present Church building:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please drop your response in the collection baskets or send an email to parishcenter@sbcwickford.org. Thanks for your response!