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## STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT



Steering Committee

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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*

### This Week

On Tuesday, the Steering Committee met with architects Michael Viveiros and Martha Werenfels. We continued our discussions on the space requirements and potential placement of the buildings. The State-required testing of the land is scheduled for

early September. Topographical surveys are to be completed soon. Meetings in the upcoming week include a session with area Catholic school principals and a walk-through of the back lots on the Davis property.

### Responses to July Questions

**July 13– Would you agree that a new St. Bernard Catholic school (preK – 8) would benefit the Parish and the community:**

- ◆ Yes (6) it would enrich the community and provide an opportunity to teach moral and ethical values as well as Catholic fundamentals; *Ans: We agree!*
- ◆ No (5) we can't afford it & it's not needed since we already have Msgr. Clarke. *Ans: Cost-based tuition and need-based financial aid put much of the burden on the parent, not the parish. Msgr. Clarke uses this method and maintains a long waiting list. A school at St. Bernard's could help these students get the Catholic education that they want. As mentioned before, a lot more study will be done before a decision is made.*

**July 20 - Is a cry room necessary and where should it be located?**

- ◆ **No, a cry room is not necessary (2)** - Rather than a separate room, seating could be added to the foyer of the church along with windows to view the altar;
- ◆ **Yes, a cry room is necessary (10)** -. Some commented that it was not only necessary, but *essential*. Most replied that it should be located toward the rear of the church with a glass wall to see the altar clearly. It should also be soundproof and be located near a lavatory with a changing table;

**July 27 - What type of space would you like to see in the entrance of the church?**

- ◆ We received 4 responses. The consensus was that it should be a large space in which people can stop and talk on their way out of Mass without blocking everyone's path. It should be bright and airy with as much natural light as possible. An area for coat racks and piped in sound from the altar was also mentioned.

**Thanks again for your continuing response to the questions. It makes our job much easier!**

### Question for Sunday, August 17, 2003

Where would you like to see the choir and musicians located? Near the altar? In the back of the church? Within the congregation? Explain.

Please drop your response in the collection baskets or send an email to [steering\\_committee@sbcwickford.org](mailto:steering_committee@sbcwickford.org). Thanks for your response!