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## STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

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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*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

The test pits scheduled for the first week of September were postponed due to equipment problems. The test results will provide us with information as to where and what we can build. We should know more next



## LANDSCAPING

"When choosing a site for a church, consideration should be given to the possibility of landscaped setback so that the church building is not completely surrounded by a the parking lot." So says the Guidelines of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Given the beauty of the Davis property, laying a flat acre of asphalt is the last thing anyone would consider! Our architects will get their creative juices flowing designing an area in which we will need a minimum of 250 parking spaces – one space for every three people. During our visit to Holy Angels in Barrington, the Committee was impressed by the Parish's newly constructed parking lot. It had several trees and islands filled with flowers. Before finishing the pavement, the Parish installed the wiring and piping for the future installation of lighting and irrigation, which they plan to complete once the fundraising efforts are complete.

### Question for Sunday, September 21, 2003

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!

## **Reprint of Weekly Questions**

While many parishioners had the opportunity to travel this summer, they missed the chance to respond to the questions posed in the Steering Committee bulletin insert each week. This week we are reprinting August's questions. If you did not respond previously, please send us an email at *steering\_committee@sbcwickford.org*, or drop your responses at the Parish Center or in the collection basket.

*The Steering Committee's e-mail address: steering\_committee@sbcwickford.org. Please make a note of it and keep sending your questions, thoughts and responses.*

*Once things have settled down with the start of the school year, the Committee is planning to meet with David Beau-doin, Secretary of Catholic Education, Spiritual Formation and Evangelization for the Diocese.*

**August 3rd:** What type of space would you like to see for the baptistry? Have you seen a baptistry placement in another church that you liked?

**August 10th:** Considering that our new church will be much larger than the current one, what type of layout do you prefer for the nave of the church—the traditional long center aisle, or a semi-circle layout? Explain.

**August 17th:** Where would you like to see the musicians located? Near the altar? In the back of the church? Within the congregation? Explain.

**August 24th:** In October, 2001, the Ruotolo feasibility study showed us that parishioners prioritized the need for a school (as opposed to the church, rectory and parish center) as either 1st or last, no in between. How do you feel now?

**Note:** You have the unique opportunity to incorporate your thoughts and ideas into the planning of the future of St. Bernard's. Please use this opportunity to make your opinion known. The Committee reviews all responses to each question. Thank you!