

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORT ON THE FORM/REFORM CONFERENCE

The Form/Reform Conference is the only US conference devoted to the full range of issues in architecture, environment and art for Catholic worship. The conference attracts architects, artists, liturgists, musicians and members of parish and diocesans building committees. The participants share a common dedication to shaping beautiful spaces that serve the liturgical life of the Catholic community.

Four members of the Steering Committee attended a number of workshops presented over the three and a half days. A two part workshop on "Sound Acoustics and Music in Liturgical Worship" was attended by Father Reardon and Michael Viveiros. In most worship spaces there is a combined use of sounds that are natural and electronically enhanced. It is in the blending of these two elements that lies the challenge. Another workshop attended by Father Reardon was "Art in Worship" which discussed good quality and appropriate art being an essential component of liturgical life. Martha Dwyer and Elizabeth McGrath attended a workshop on "How to Build Excitement and Ownership in your Parish's New Project" which described ways to involve parishioners in the building process. Other topics included, "Baptism and Baptismal Fonts", "Reconciling Spaces" and "The Church Capital Campaign - the Potential!". All four participants came away from the conference feeling they had learned a great deal but also at the same time realized that there is so much more to learn about building a worship space.

VISIT TO ST DOMINIC'S CHAPEL AT PC

Father John Peterson arranged for members of the committee to visit the beautiful new chapel on the campus of Providence College this week. The committee also had an opportunity to visit the just completed dormitories at the college that were constructed by Dimeo Construction. The college hired Dimeo to be the construction manager for this project.

"OUR HERITAGE, OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE"

Plans for the Capital Campaign for the new church campus continue to be made in collaboration with Ruotolo Associates. A kick-off event is being scheduled for sometime in September. Look for further updates in this newsletter.



"Full Speed Ahead"

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