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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

THIS WEEK

Only a couple of things to report this week. The engineers from VHB were out at the Davis property to complete the topographical study. You may have seen them on the front lawn. Results should be in soon.

Also this week Martha Werenfels and Michael Viveiros inspected the Davis home in order to get a basic idea of what it would take to renovate it and what possible uses it might have. Their firm of Durkee, Brown, Viveiros and Werenfels has a great reputation for restoration including many historic homes in Providence, Newport and other areas of Rhode Island and New England.

BIT OF INFORMATION

During the period 1988 – 1997, almost 200 new Catholic schools have opened across the country. These openings have occurred at the elementary, middle and senior high school level. This concrete demonstration of faith in Catholic schools attests to the deep belief that Catholic parents and other members of the Catholic community have in the quality of Catholic schools and to their desire to have schools that actively foster Christian values.

-Opening a New Catholic School: A Series of Case Studies

YOU'RE GETTING MAIL

This week a mailing is going out to *everyone* in the Parish from the Steering Committee. The extensive mailing is predicated on the believe by the Committee that the concept of a school at St. Bernard should be

fully explored. We want to be sure that the Parish has truly examined all aspects of the project before deciding to build or not. We want those with an interest to get involved. Please don't forget the date

for the next informational presentation: **Sunday, November 9, 2003 at 11AM in the Parish Center.** It will take a lot of people who care about the future of Catholic education to make this work.

Question for Sunday, November 2, 2003

If the interest in a school at this time proves to be less than significant, do you think the Master Plan should plan to build ONLY a church, rectory and parish center, or should it leave room for a school to be built later – just in case?

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