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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Adjustments.

When we embarked on the Capital Campaign, we had a very aggressive goal to reach. We knew that three million was a stretch, and it still is a stretch. We knew that the campaign would be considered successful by the yard sticks used by professional fundraising organizations and the diocesan office of Stewardship & Development if we reached \$1.8 million. We will reach the \$1.8, but to do the project right, we would need more than that. As of the end of June, \$1, 547,355.74 has been pledged. We have verbal commitments of funds and pledges of material and labor that convince us that we will reach the \$1.8 million. We are pleased with the sums that have been committed to date. However, only 468 families and individuals of the 1540 registered families have participated. That is just a little more than 30% and that is disappointing. There are plans being formed to help close the gap, but at this point, \$1.8 is what we have to work with.

Unfortunately, that was just the first shoe to drop.

During the fall and winter Capital Campaign, the Steering Committee continued to work with our architect, Michael Viveiros, and our construction management team from Shawmut Design and Construction. Schematic design documents were completed by Michael and sent to Shawmut for pricing. When pricing came back, we were shocked. The reality of what has been happening in the construction industry came home to us. The cost of materials and labor has escalated well beyond the contingencies built into our plan. Combine the increases in the cost of labor and materials with our shortfall in funding and the answer that comes up is that we will have to make adjustments to the building program.

The Steering Committee has been working hard with our architect and construction manager to come up with alternatives that make sense, can be afforded and maintain the quality of the program. We've made concessions on roofing material, the quantity of stone façade, number of windows and flooring materials to name but a few. Material changes and reductions alone will not suffice. We will have to make program changes such as decreasing the size of the church. We are still examining a variety of other changes in size and scope, what the impact will be, and how we can mitigate the changes. We are still a ways away from making decisions.

Our goal is still to build a quality facility that will meet the needs of the parish. At this point, it is unclear what the final delivery will be.

Tom Orsi



"Full Speed Ahead"

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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