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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

HERE'S JUST ONE GREAT REASON FOR CHANGE



"Full Speed Ahead"
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Last week we mentioned that there would be some obvious benefits to building a new campus on the land donated by the Davis family. Projected on the walls of the parish center on a recent Sunday morning was a video illustrating many of the areas of the current campus that are no longer sufficient to meet our needs as a Catholic community in 2006. The video was put together by the Involve More People Committee, a subset of the Steering Committee. Highlighted in the video was one issue that can never be resolved no matter how much we renovate the current facility: the Tower Hill Road problem. Three people have been seriously injured crossing this road in recent years, with the latest occurring just last December. By the grace of God, all are okay or in the proc-



The Road



ess of recovering. When St. Bernard Church was built back in 1874, Tower Hill Road was traveled by people on horse or in buggies! Times have certainly changed! Building at the Davis Property offers us a safe environment to move to and from church. The time for a new church building has come. It's happening now and for so many great reasons!

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

LAST WEEK

Last Sunday a reception was held at the site of the future parish rectory—the farmhouse at the Davis Property. The invited guests were new parishioners who were interested in hearing about our plan to build a new church. The Steering Committee was present to answer any questions and Chairman Tom Orsi narrated a brief slide presentation. If you are new to the Parish, or for that matter if you've been around awhile, and have questions or comments, we would love to hear from you! Just send us an email via the Parish Center website and we will get back to you. The email address is parishcenter@sbcwickford.org.

THIS WEEK



As we begin Holy Week, we get ready for the roller coaster of emotions we experience every year at this time. From the depths of sorrow on

Good Friday to the pinnacle of the joy of Easter, the annual observance does not lessen the impact Christ's death and resurrection can have on us if we let it. On behalf of the Steering Committee we wish you a blessed and happy Easter!