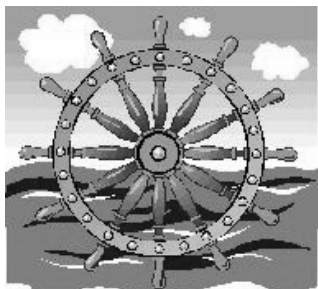


STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

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"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.

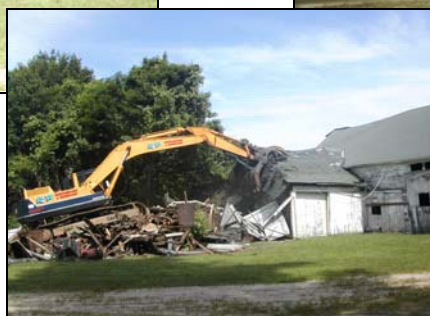
Be present with us as we work together: make us responsive to your will and give to us a healthy pride in all we do that we may be good stewards of all things entrusted to us.

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

FIRST STEPS



We are sure that most of you have noticed the recent changes at the Davis Property. The Diocese of Providence, after consultation with their insurance company, has decided that the three old barns and a chicken coop on the property had to be taken down. After years of neglect, the buildings had deteriorated so badly that they were in danger of falling down and they might also be the target of vandalism. It only took one day to demolish the building and remove the debris. There is nothing left of the buildings that stood on that corner for almost a century. However, the Steering Committee has rescued some of the beautiful barn board that we are hoping to incorporate into the new church building in some way.

The largest barn was a typical New England dairy barn where the cows entered on the ground level. The Wickford area was at one time noted for their dairy farms and barns like these dotted the landscape. The demolition of the old barns is the end of a local farming tradition but with the building of a new church, we begin a new tradition!

UPDATE

The Steering Committee has been working all spring with our architect, Michael Viveiros, to modify the design documents. The committee has been reworking the design and program for the new church. Concessions, adjustments and tweaking are being carefully considered in order to stay within our budget. At the last meeting with the architect and his staff, the committee agreed to a final design plan that we were all happy with. The next step is to send the documents to Shawmut Construction for pricing. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that the new design cost will be within our budget. We will keep you posted!