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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

FAQs: What's happening with the corner house?

Well, that's one of **THE** most frequently asked questions!!

Truth is, we don't know yet. Obviously the house is the cornerstone of the property. It symbolizes the old farmland style of the area and serves as an appropriate and natural entrance to Wickford.

Town officials would like the corner to remain as open space. The Diocese and the Parish would love to maintain the look of the corner. The home is probably too big to be used as a rectory. Maybe a bed and breakfast or a home for some type of not-for-profit organization would be worth de-

veloping? There are many options available to us at this time. The ONE thing everyone agrees on – there are NO PLANS to tear the house down! It is truly a treasure that needs to be preserved. Send us an email or drop a note in the collection box to let us know what you think.

PERHAPS PUMPKINS?



Did you notice that the field behind the Davis House has recently been mowed? Tom Sandham volunteered to mow the land and plans are under way to plant p u m p k i n s . Nothing is final yet, but planting the

low-maintenance pumpkin seeds will enrich the soil, return the land to farmland (at least for this year!) and keep Tom busy during the long summer! We'll keep you posted!

Question for Sunday, June 15, 2003

List the characteristics of other churches or parish facilities that you have visited that you liked, and what you liked about them:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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

If you have any information on the Davis family or pictures of the property that you would like to share please let us know.

Please call the Parish Center at 295-0387 or e-mail us at parishcenter@sbcwickford.org.



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK

The Committee met twice this week.

Monday we met to review the questionnaire designed by Durkee Brown. We selected appropriate questions and sent them to all of the coordinators/committee chairs asking them to review the questions with the members of their various groups. To keep this process moving along, the questionnaires are due back in 10 days. The answers to the questionnaires will be the founda-

tion for much of the planning ahead. If you are the chair of a committee and did not receive a questionnaire, please contact the Parish Center as soon as possible.

Tuesday night we met with the architects from Durkee Brown, Viveiros and Werenfels. Plans are underway to develop a list of churches and other parish facilities to visit in the area. They will include facilities we like and don't like so that we can clarify a vision for

future development. Hopefully we will have a chance to visit these facilities before the end of June. This week's question asks you to let us know if you have seen any churches or parish facilities that you particularly like or dislike. It's a small state, but it has lots of churches. We are even willing to drive to nearby Massachusetts or Connecticut if necessary! Please let us know what you think.

WEEKLY QUESTION: YOUR RESPONSES

Sunday, June 1st question: List 3 things you like most about the present Church building:

- ◆ 10 responses: Stained Glass Window, especially the one behind the altar;
- ◆ 8 responses: Small, quaint, and traditional look of the Church;
- ◆ 2 responses: Lack of a mortgage on the property;

- ◆ 2 responses: The presence of a cry room for young families.

Note: You have the unique opportunity to incorporate your thoughts and ideas into the planning of the future of St. Bernard's. Please use this opportunity to make your opinion known. The Committee reviews all responses to each question.