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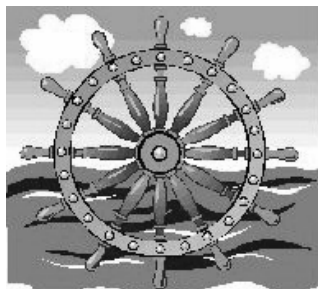
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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT



Steering Committee

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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

PARISH FORUM

On **Sunday, February 29, 2004 at 11AM in the Parish Center, a Parish Forum** will be held to give all parishioners the opportunity to hear and see the results of the Master Plan. There will be a three dimensional model of the Davis property site and architects Michael Viveiros and Martha Werenfels from Durkee Brown Viveiros and Werenfels will be there with their site drawings and photographs. You have heard a lot about these architects. Now is your chance to meet them and ask questions. The meeting is expected to run about 30 minutes, so even if you are going to church at 11:30, there will be some time for you to stop over at the Parish Center before Mass.



The Master Plan concludes the 1st phase of the Davis property development project. As we move into the next phase many questions remain unanswered, not the least of which is whether the Parish will (or should) build a school. We welcome your comments and encourage your involvement. As always, emails can be sent to our web address and copies of these bulletin inserts are posted on the Parish website.

At the left is the Steering Committee's prayer written by Father Dennis. In this prayer is the quote " *whoever would climb to a lofty height must go by steps, not leaps.*" The Master Plan is St. Bernard Parish's first step on a long journey. We believe that this journey is important and ask that you plan to join us next Sunday to hear and see what we have learned so far.

SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE

The Subcommittee responsible for the area survey is working with Meitler Consultants, a firm experienced in determining the demand for Catholic education throughout the country. Meitler will guide the Subcommittee in creating survey questions which will help us to get honest and objective replies that will serve as corroboration for the ultimate decisions of whether: To build? Not to build? How big to build?

The survey will focus on families with school-age children in the Parish and surrounding areas. It will present to the respondents information from the Finance and Model Subcommittees with the goal to determine the realistic interest of the people of South County in sending their children to a Catholic school here at St. Bernard's. If all goes according to plan, the survey will occur in late March or early April, concluding with a report to the Parish in May.