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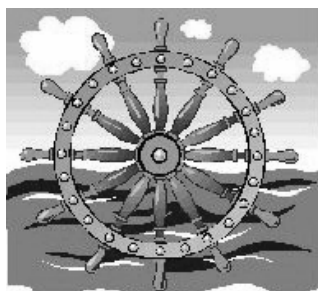
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## STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT



### 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*

### THIS WEEK

Don't say it! Last week we said there would be no Steering Committee insert on Easter. Well obviously those that write this insert were just looking for a week off, with no concern for all of you who attend Mass on Easter weekend! So, here is this week's insert, but next week the insert is taking a break—promise!

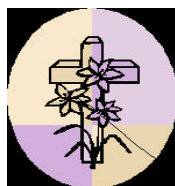
On Monday afternoon, the Steering Committee met with Paul Choquette III of Gilbane Building Company, the national construction company headquartered in Providence, right next door to the Cathedral. The Diocese has done a lot of work with Gilbane and Mr. Choquette is a former parishioner who has volunteered some time to conceptually take us through the construction process. In particular, Mr. Choquette spoke to us about the differences between managing a construction project using a construction manager versus a general contractor. Obviously since Gilbane operates as a construction manager, Mr. Choquette's comments were partial to that method. The Committee plans to interview others with different views and then make a decision on which method would best suit our parish.

**Capital Campaign**—All five of the firms to which we sent an RFP for management of the capital campaign, responded with a proposal. The Committee will meet next week to discuss which of the firms we should interview.

**School News**—Monday evening, the Committee met with Ed Cooney and Ed Zajac of the School Subcommittee, to review, line by line, the estimated detailed budget for a school with grades pre-K to 8th grade and 2 classrooms per grade. In an effort to have as much due diligence as possible, we are going to review the budget with a couple of outside financial people who are familiar with grade schools to insure that our start-up numbers are reasonable. Big thanks go out to Ed Zajac for all the work he has done on this project.

### SURVEY

Did you get a survey? Please be sure to send back your responses by April 12th—that's tomorrow! The more data we receive, the more accurate the conclusions that we'll be able to draw. Thanks for your help.



### HAPPY EASTER

Once again, on behalf of the Steering Committee and the School Subcommittee, we wish you a blessed and happy Easter.

**In case you missed them**, all Steering Committee inserts are available on the Parish website under the Steering Committee tab. Go to:

[http://www.sbcwickford.org/steering\\_committee/index.html](http://www.sbcwickford.org/steering_committee/index.html)