

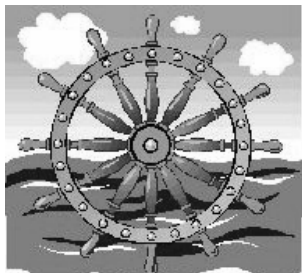
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Christmas!

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

THIS WEEK

After finishing off the Easter chocolates and finalizing our tax returns minutes before the filing deadline, the Steering Committee members met last week to review the proposals we received from the five firms we solicited for capital campaign management. After much discussion, we selected three firms to interview. The firms selected include the firm that did the Parish feasibility study nearly 3 years ago (Ruotolo Associates) as well as the firm that handled the Vision of Hope campaign for the Diocese (CCS Fundraising). The capital campaign will focus on raising money for a new church facility for the Parish. On April 27th, the Committee plans to interview the firms and make a decision on which one to choose. This should give the chosen firm and the Parish enough time to work together to develop a full scale campaign that can kick off in the Fall.

SURVEY & SCHOOL UPDATE

Late returns are still being accepted for the St. Bernard's School survey. Please return the completed survey in the envelope provided to Meitler Inc. as soon as possible! Thank you!



The preliminary school budget has been sent to a couple of people who are very familiar with the budgetary issues of a Catholic school for their professional opinion on the budget's reasonableness. Their opinions are expected back shortly.

SURVEY ASSUMPTIONS

When answering some of the survey questions, respondents were asked to assume the following:

- ◆ The proposed new school will be located at the new site of St. Bernard Parish, Route 1 and Route 102.
- ◆ Tuition for a new elementary school will be in the range of \$5,000 to \$5,700 per child.
- ◆ The new school will have a strong Catholic mission.
- ◆ The new school will offer a high quality academic program.
- ◆ The new school will offer pre-kindergarten through 8th grade.
- ◆ Space is available in the school of your choice.

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