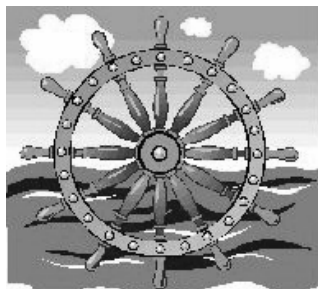


STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

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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

On Saturday morning, May 8th, members of the Steering and School Committees are scheduled to meet with Michael Viveiros, our architect from Durkee, Brown, Viveiros and Werenfels (DBVW). The meeting will focus on school programming. It will include:

- 1) a presentation on current "best practices" in pre-K through 8th grade school design by both DBVW and the Cambridge, Massachusetts firm of HMFH Architects;
- 2) a presentation and discussion on high performance design and the integration of "green" i.e., environmental concepts in the design of a grammar school;
- 3) discussion by both architectural firms of the use of technology in a catholic grammar school; and
- 4) a group discussion of the educational philosophy that we would propose for our school and its impact on the design and operation of the facilities.

This half-day meeting is the first of three meetings scheduled for the month of May. The next meeting, scheduled for the 17th, will hone each of these ideas into more specific concepts and priorities. The third meeting will consist of a presentation of a revised program from the architects for the educational space and other specifications of the school design.

As we move ahead with these **very** preliminary program plans, we await the results of the Meitler school survey. A meeting with the Meitler representatives is in the process of being scheduled so that we may review the results and learn how the professionals have interpreted the survey responses.

SAMPLE SURVEY QUESTIONS

In our school survey, respondents were asked to choose which of these words most closely represents their opinion on the statements listed below: Agree, Somewhat Agree, Neutral, Somewhat Disagree or Disagree



- ◆ Catholic schools are an essential part of the life & ministry of the Church;
- ◆ Catholic elementary schools are an effective way to help parents educate their children in the Catholic faith;
- ◆ The value of Catholic schools justifies the cost to the parents.

How would you respond?