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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

THIS WEEK

While still coming to grips (some say grieving) over the decision **not** to go ahead with the new school, the Steering Committee met on Tuesday with architect Michael Viveiros to prepare for our upcoming meeting with the Diocese. Tomorrow (Monday), we will meet with the Parish Capital Evaluation Committee. It is this Diocesan committee that authorizes parishes to start capital campaigns, hire fund raisers and hire architects to design or renovate parish facilities. Monsignor McCaffrey is the leader of the Committee. He is joined by several other pastors and lay members of the Diocesan administration including Michael Sabatino, Chief Financial Officer, Tony Gwiazdowski, Director of Development and George Staples, Director of Facilities.

At Monday's meeting, Father Dennis will give an overview of the project, including the history behind the property, and the process that we have gone through with the initial Feasibility Study and more recently with the Master Plan. Michael Viveiros will present the architectural details including reviewing the site plan and the schematic design that we have at this time. John Gibbons will be present in his capacity as a Parish Trustee and member of the Finance Council. Steering Committee Chair Tom Orsi and Elizabeth McGrath (Finance Council member) will also be attending.

We will outline to this committee the opportunities that the Davis Property offers our Parish. Using information from the Parish's Strategic Plan, we will make our case for the need for building a new church, rectory and parish center in lieu of renovating the current facilities. We will review the information that we have learned during our interviews with the fund raising firms regarding our potential to raise money. Finally, we will review the projected costs for the project and discuss the financing issues involved. If necessary, we'll also be prepared to discuss a few alternative ways to achieve our goal.

Within a few days after the meeting on Monday, the committee should let us know whether or not we can proceed with our plans. If (hopefully, when!) our project is approved, we will be able to proceed with the design and fund raising efforts.

Please keep us in your prayers on Monday!

— OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS —

The School Subcommittee is holding a meeting on Wednesday June 9th @ 7PM in the Parish Center to summarize the analyses and findings of all of the work that this committee has done over the past several months. All Subcommittee members are encouraged to attend.

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