

Feasibility Study Results, Questions and Answers

The results of the feasibility study were used by the Parish Council in the decision to proceed with a capital campaign and to hire Mark Davy and Associates to assist the parish in the campaign. Here's a summary from the 48 personal interviews (81 parishioners) and surveys (133 households) in the study:

- 100% were informed and 83% were well-informed or very informed regarding the issues of the building project.
- 90% felt the building project was essential or very essential to the future well-being of our parish. No one felt the project was not essential.
- Of those interviewed or surveyed, 129 parishioners would agree to or consider taking a leadership or supportive role to ensure a successful campaign.
- There is an adequate level of financial support available to conduct a campaign to begin Our Building Project.

Those surveyed or interviewed were also asked for their questions, concerns and comments regarding a campaign. The most common questions and concerns were answered in a special mailing to all parish households. Here are those questions and answers:

Are parishioners well-informed and supportive of the building project?

One hundred percent of those interviewed and eighty three percent of those surveyed indicated that they were “very well informed” or “reasonably well informed” of the project. Over ninety three percent felt that the project was “very essential” or “essential”.

Will parishioners be willing to contribute to a capital campaign to support the building project?

Ninety eight percent of those interviewed and ninety six percent of those surveyed indicated that they would consider a gift to the capital campaign.

Can we afford this project? Will we be able to raise the needed monies?

The feasibility study indicated that we could anticipate raising between \$1.8 to \$2.1 million. This was based on the fact that many of the participants indicated that they had been contributing to the building fund and planned to continue to give to this fund at the same rate. Some participants indicated that they needed more detailed cost information on the project before making a decision on their level of giving.

Note: This will be a large project for our parish. It will be funded through the balance from the current building fund, future capital campaign contributions and potentially a loan from the Archdiocese. In order to be successful in this effort, we will need to stretch our giving to the capital campaign as a parish as well as supporting the general parish budget. It will take broad participation of many parishioners and will require each parish household to prayerfully consider their degree of participation in our upcoming capital campaign.

When will more detail on the design and cost of the project be communicated to the parish?

Our architects are now working to finalize more detailed drawings of the master plan and these along with cost projections will be presented to the parish when complete at a parish meeting.

Is there support from the Archdiocese?

Yes. The Archdiocese is well aware of the anticipated growth in our parish and the need for a larger worship space. They are very supportive of our efforts to build now to meet our future needs.

What has happened to the money that has been contributed to the building fund?

Thanks to the generosity of those who have continued to donate to the building fund, we have been able to completely pay off our parish building debt as well as fund the beginning portions of this new project, e.g. architects' fees. The balance of this building fund now is \$684,000. The building fund will continue to grow with your continued generous support through the conclusion of 2007.

When will a capital campaign begin?

As recently announced, the Parish Council approved going ahead with a capital campaign. The campaign will begin in February 2008.

Can I make a contribution to the campaign during 2007?

Absolutely! Parishioners will have the opportunity to give a gift during 2007 which can be applied to their capital campaign pledge, so that they can receive the tax benefits during 2007. Contact the parish office (393-3778) to make arrangements or if you have further questions. More information will be forthcoming.

What if we can't raise enough funds to cover the cost of the entire project?

The level of generosity of parishioners will determine how much of the building project we are able to build in this phase. After we determine how much we can raise through our capital campaign, the funding committee will put together a financial plan to present to the Archdiocese, that will allow us to build as much of the original design as feasible.

Who will be running the capital campaign?

The capital campaign will be run by parishioners. Two hundred volunteers will be needed to assist with home visits to each parish family. Some of the administrative work (pledge card preparation and processing) and volunteer training will be done by our fund-raising consultant Mark Davy and Associates.