

**SURVEY FEEDBACK**  
**QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS & RESPONSES**

**February 15, 2022**

- **SURVEY RESULTS:**
  - Option A Choice—82%
  - Option B Choice—13%
  - Neither—5%

**SUGGESTION:** Provide adequate kitchen space for the Fellowship Room separate from the cafeteria kitchen.

**RESPONSE:** Our plan is to move the existing equipment in the current Fellowship Room to the new location.

**SUGGESTION:** Set church further away from highway to allow parking and/or a driveway in front of the church, and close Jefferson St. to allow parking on the side of church.

**RESPONSE:** We have asked the Architect to position the church further east, with the front wall approximately 55-65 feet from the road. Roadway and/or parking in front of the church presents more vehicular/pedestrian conflicts and detracts from the beauty of the front of the church. Jefferson St. will be closed off and we will use parts of the street for parking and circulation related to parking.

**SUGGESTION:** Put the project on hold until construction inflation, material availability, and labor shortages are resolved.

**RESPONSE:** Through much prayer and careful consideration we have determined now is the time to resume our fundraising efforts. Successful campaigns are implemented step by step in accordance with sound fundraising principles. Hopefully pricing will come back down some and delivery schedules will be normalized.

**SUGGESTION:** Include elevator to lower level.

**RESPONSE:** We have asked the Architect to include a three-stop elevator to serve the choir loft and the basement area as well as the main floor.

**SUGGESTION:** Close Jefferson Street between church and school.

**RESPONSE:** The City has given approval to abandon the street right-of-way when we start construction if we grant the City an easement for utilities currently in the street. The street will be closed and blocked off at a point east of the school parking lot entrance, allowing us to use the existing street entrance off the highway to access the school parking lot as it currently exists.

**QUESTION:** How will we raise the money? What have we raised so far? Where are we financially?

**RESPONSE:** In April, after we have final cost estimates based on design revisions noted above and current market pricing, we will be updating the feasibility study and capital campaign that was carried out 3 years ago. We are incredibly blessed to have raised over \$4.6 million of which \$2.7 million is cash on hand. We will then launch a fundraising plan that is based upon successful experiences with other ministries and parishes throughout the United States that emphasizes prayer, personal visits, proportionate requests and pledges.

Personalized individual visits highlight the personal nature of giving, allow for a thorough presentation of the campaign case, give parishioners the opportunity to ask their own questions and allow visitors to express their enthusiasm.

The parish is in solid financial condition as people have continued to be generous throughout the Pandemic.

**SUGGESTION:** Attach the rectory to the church.

**RESPONSE:** We have asked the Architect to revise the plans to to connect the rectory to the Church.

**SUGGESTION:** Build a simpler church that is not Gothic/Grand looking to reduce the cost.

**RESPONSE:** The desire we have heard most often from parishioners has been to build a church in a more traditional style. The Mass is the “source and summit of our Catholic Faith.” The beauty of a traditional high altar, religious art, stained glass windows, and statuary will be incorporated throughout the church utilizing refurbished items secured by Bishop Rice. We have scaled back from the complete Gothic style and have attempted to reach a traditional style that incorporates modern amenities. There are many details of finishes and materials yet to be determined in the next stage of design development. We will continue to strive to balance the desire and need for traditional architectural beauty with the desire and need to contain costs.

**SUGGESTION:** “If every family tithed, even those IC School families who use their tuition as their tithe, the possibility of building and maintaining a church could be accomplished in a much shorter period. This is part of building a family of Christian community.”

**RESPONSE:** Major capital campaigns do not succeed without a number of substantial pledges and others at lesser levels. Some parishioners are blessed with ample resources, and others are blessed with less. Each parishioner will be asked to make a prayerful consideration of a sacrificial gift that is planned, proportionate to the parishioners means, and reflect a spirit of sacrifice in thanksgiving to God.