



## ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC PARISH

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As you know, over the last 18 months, we have been exploring options to best address our aging facilities. During this period we visited with over 550 parishioners and school parents in conversations discussing development possibilities on our campus. The question we are exploring is whether a private developer would be interested in leasing a portion of our land, which would generate enough third party revenues, to help us pay for replacing our aging facilities and provide an ongoing revenue stream for future generations at St. Austin.

***No decision has been made;*** we are still taking this exploration one step at a time under the same guiding framework I have outlined over the last year:

- No land will be sold, looking only at a long term land lease.
- The Church and the new entrance portico and restrooms will remain.
- Any development must include ministry space on-site.
- Any development must include school space on-site.
- Any development must bring third-party revenues to upgrade our existing campus.

I am happy to announce that on Feb. 19 we received approval from the Diocese of Austin to take the next step and release a formal request for proposal (RFP). We hope to see responses that would gauge the level of interest from the private sector in our corner of West Campus. In the RFP we have outlined our parish and school needs – now it's time to see what creativity a developer could bring to our campus.

The RFP will be released in the next week, and CBRE, who we hired last spring to represent St. Austin, will work with responders as they submit their proposals. Today, I want to remind you that no decision has been made we are simply taking the next step in our process.

In May, we will know if there is private sector interest in the project. If we see some options we want to explore, the Development Committee and CBRE will work through interviews and develop a short list to be discussed with the community and the Diocese of Austin. So we are months away from determining if there is a next step, a decision which will be based on responses to this RFP.

In the meantime, if you want to learn more, please visit [www.staustin.org/development](http://www.staustin.org/development). We are also going to repeat the education sessions about this project after all masses the weekend of March 24-25. If you were one of the 550 who already attended an info session, there is no new information, but you are welcome to hear it again. As always, we welcome your input. Please email our Development Committee at [development@staustin.org](mailto:development@staustin.org) with your thoughts or questions.

God Bless,

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Pastor