



ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 21, 2017

To: Pastoral Team, Parish Council, Design Team, and Select Parishioners

From: Fr. Tom Clegg

Re: New Church Project

Greetings one and all:

I wanted to give all of you an update on where we currently stand with regard to the building of the new church building for St. John Paul II Parish. I also wanted to apologize for the delay in getting this letter out to everyone. Part of the delay was due to information coming in to us slower than we had anticipated and part of the delay was my being out of the office a couple of weeks in the past month.

As you are aware, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis had asked us to do two things to help us prepare for a successful campaign. The first was to ask the architects to look at the project again to see if we could somehow scale down the project costs. The second was to conduct a "silent phase" that would look at the potential gift levels of those who might be among the "lead gift" parishioners to see if the fundraising company had accurately projected our income for this campaign.

The architects did show us three options for a scaled down version of the church although none of us were satisfied with the least expensive model because it eliminated the Children's Liturgy of the Word/Daily Mass Chapel. We did have a meeting with the architects and a local construction company to see if we could find ways to reduce costs and still get the square footage we need. The results of that meeting will be available to us the first week of April.

The "silent phase" of the campaign indicated that the range that the fundraising company set does seem to be accurate, although closer to the high point of that range (5.2 million) than the low point of that range (4 million). Although I still believe that our parish might have a 6 million dollar campaign in us, I have no concrete evidence to show that.

The next steps for us will be to hear the results from the local construction company and also to gather further input from the archdiocese that will help us to determine the best time to begin a capital campaign in the event that we can raise enough to construct our new church.

Once again, I apologize for the delay in responding to all of you, but was hoping to have more information before I did. That information will not be coming now until early April and I didn't want to wait that long before giving you any information. I will follow this up with another letter in mid-April.

Have a blessed Lent.

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