



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear People of God of Holy Rosary Catholic Church Parish:

As most of you know, we have been addressing problems with the administration buildings for several years. Earlier this past year, we forwarded a letter stating that we reached a financial settlement with those involved with the design and construction of these facilities and the Building Committee would begin moving forward with the building/repair process.

As we began to investigate repair options, many of you expressed your distaste for the looks of the current structures and a desire to explore aesthetic /architectural changes in addition to doing the repairs. Ultimately, we would hope to achieve a solution that accomplishes both. For that reason, we chose to revisit our master plan addressing the current Holy Rosary Parish needs and the future growth we are able to forecast in order to make educated decisions on how we move forward with these repairs and modifications.

Over the past several months, the Building Committee and numerous members of the parish ministries have been working diligently with WHLC Architecture to update our master plan for our campus grounds. Various site development options were explored to determine the best plan for future growth. Issues such as security, ease of vehicular access & drop off, parking, pedestrian circulation, and priority phasing were all discussed.

The favored site plan option has been selected and a plan to phase in the repairs and construction has been prepared. Presentation boards of the Master Plan are on display in the Parish Office. **The Building Committee, along with members of the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee will present the favored site plan in church immediately following each of the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses on January 16, 2011. You are all invited to attend.**

Phase 1 will entail repairs, renovation, and expansion to the Administration and Adult Education Buildings. Phase 2 will build a New Education Building. Phase 3 will remove the old Education Building. Phase 4 will build a New Rectory and will address Future Church Expansion.

The monies realized in the settlement will go a long way toward repairing and renovating the present buildings and may enable us to get started on a new Catechetical building for instruction and the other parts of the original building program.

The Building Committee and I hope to move forward with the building process, bearing in mind our responsibility to get the most from our stewardship of treasure without having a formal building pledge campaign. We do have to follow the guidelines of the Diocese for new and renovating buildings and thus, follow the usual procedures. All are requested to remember that this process will be slow because of the type of work that is demanded. The immediate problem to correct is to try to get new roofs that will not leak on the parish administration and adult education buildings.

I wish to commend all who have assisted the program through the various years and for their tremendous dedication and contributions of time, talent, and treasure.

Sincerely in Christ,

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