

**Subject:** Parish Center Update

**Date:** August 14, 2015

### **Archdiocesan Building Commission**

Father Ed and Joel Fleischman represented Holy Trinity at Thursday's Building Commission at 3:45 pm in the Archdiocesan offices in Milwaukee. Father reviewed Form B which is a request to the Archbishop to permit Father to hire an architect. Father also reviewed the needs that have existed at Holy Trinity for many years for a Parish Center. Commission members asked a number of questions for clarification, which Father and Joel answered.

The Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese commented that this has been a long-term need at Holy Trinity and glad to see HT parishioners committed to such an important project. The Archdiocesan Building Commission will make a recommendation to the Archbishop to approve a Proxy. Once the Archbishop signs the Proxy, Father can proceed with hiring our selected architect.

### **Architect**

After site visits, and interviews with 3 qualified architects, the Holy Trinity Building Committee has selected Groth Design Group, Inc. of Cedarburg. Groth is the same firm that Holy Trinity used for our handicap accessible Narthex addition to HT Church. The scope of services provided by Groth include:

- Program Development
- Conceptual Development Designs
- Measured Drawings
- Building Information Modeling
- Civil Engineering
- Architectural Interior Design
- Post Occupancy Evaluation
- Coordination of Holy Trinity's Consultants
- LEED Certification
- Fast-Track Design Services-Multiple Bid Packages
- Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Design
- Interview and Selection of Prospective General Contractor(s)

Groth's Phase 1 Fees will not exceed \$10,000 which will be for the preliminary design of Parish Center. We plan to hold a "Parish Meeting" where all parishioners will be invited to provide input in the preliminary design. We will also conduct a "Programming Session", where key HT Stakeholders will provide more intense focus on design. These stakeholders are HT Staff, or Committee Chairs who will be "high users" of the Parish Center.

We are working on a timeline where the preliminary plans, if ready, will be presented at the next meeting of the Archdiocesan Building Commission in early October.

### **Capital Stewardship Campaign**

- Mark Filips, President of Vision Works completed A Feasibility Study Report on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark conducted personal interviews with 57 parishioners. He also conducted 2 Focus

Group Sessions with another 60+ parishioners. The purpose of this study was to assess the support for a new Parish Center. Excerpts from this 34 page report include:

- In reviewing the Case Statement, it is clear that the overwhelming majority (91 percent) of interviewees and focus group participants support the vision for a new Parish Activity Center.
- The majority of people do believe that the proposed Parish Activity Center will be a real benefit for the parish and the school and will help the parish and the school to grow.
- A total of 93 percent of interviewees agree with the appropriateness of a capital campaign or think the capital campaign is the only way to fund the project.
- When questioned about the receptivity of parishioners to a capital campaign, 83 percent of interviewees and focus group participants believe their peers are receptive to a new campaign.
- Ninety-one percent of interviewees indicated that they would be making a pledge to the upcoming campaign.
- 35 interviewees and 22 focus group members indicate a willingness to lead, to be a team leader, or to be a team member. Such numbers are a very good start, and comparable or greater than the Faith In Our Future Campaign.
- 111 out of 114 parishioners recommended that Holy Trinity should proceed with a capital campaign.

The \$20,000 cost of Vision Works Feasibility Study Report was covered by parishioner donations.

### **All-Committee Meeting, Thursday August 13th**

At Thursday's All-Committee meeting, attended by about 25 committee chairs & members, parishioners heard report from Archdiocesan Building Commission, reviewed Vision Works Feasibility Study recommendations, discussed Architect selection process and reviewed a proposal from Vision Works for a capital campaign. The group then worked on components of the Holy Trinity Case Statement. These main components consist of following:

1. Proposed budget for Holy Trinity Parish Center
  - a. Multi-purpose area (middle-school size gym), bathrooms, lockers
  - b. Parish & school offices, meeting & storage areas
  - c. Upgraded and expanded kitchen with cafeteria
2. Estimated budget for needed Holy Trinity Campus Updates & Improvements
  - a. Parking lot resurfacing, exterior church painting & tuck pointing,
  - b. Technology upgrades,
  - c. Cemetery storage needs
  - d. Emergency reserve fund.
3. Investments in Educational Improvements
  - a. Upgrade technology, labs & textbooks
  - b. Remodel bathrooms and other improvements
  - c. Angel Fund tuition assistance

August 12<sup>th</sup> Daily Food for Thought from Dynamic Catholic:

**“It is Easy to Say, “I Love God.” It is Easy to Say, “I am a Christian.” But Jesus Challenges Us to Prove it. Our Love of Neighbor is the Proof that We Love God.”**