

Expanding Our Home
A Campaign for Saint John Neumann Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners,

“May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor 13:13). With these words of St. Paul to the Church in Corinth, we are reminded to unite our hearts with the sacred prayer of the Church in this holy season of Advent, asking Our Lady to guide us, so that God may be glorified in all that we are and all that we do. In this Marian light, please allow me to present to you an update on the status, progress, and path of our parish Capital Campaign.

1. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES AND FEASIBILITY STUDY

Foremost, please allow me to thank you all for your on-going commitment to honor your pledges and for the many non-pledged gifts that we have received. *We have over 550 households participating.* Every gift matters, every family can participate, and all contributions are placed in a fund strictly reserved for capital campaign expenses, fees, and outlays (identified as a “restricted fund” by the Archdiocese).

Since completing the commitment period on December 15, 2013, total pledges are \$2.46 million toward an over-all goal of \$2.5 million over five years. Total donations stand at \$1,702,663.27 as of our bookkeeper’s report on December 11, 2017. Subtracting the expense of the campaign (\$61,000), payment of the Neumann House Mortgage (\$425,000), and total architectural, engineering, and legal fees thus far (\$30,500; due to the County approvals process and the follow up feasibility study), our restricted fund balance stands at \$1,186,163.27. Given our many commitments – offertory, Poor Box, Cardinal’s Appeal, missions, and special projects – I remain before the Lord with a grateful and humbled heart for you all.

Please allow me to thank you as well for your patience with me in writing an update, the last of which were in October and November 2016 via email and the bulletin following our presentation to the County Council for a sewer and water designation change for the Neumann House property. I wrote to you then thanking Our Lady for Her intervention whereby we received unanimous support from all 12 members of the Council for our future ministerial and facilities vision. This followed a unanimous vote of the Park and Planning Board and the County’s Environment and Transportation Committee.

We have since embarked upon a comprehensive feasibility study assessing our present facilities and their long-term viability, space needs and maximized use of infrastructure, and most importantly our pastoral priorities as discerned through much prayer and extensive consultation with the parish (via the Indicators of Vitality Survey), the Pastoral and Finance Councils, Parish Staff, and paid professionals (architects, engineers, and attorneys). I believe that the consultation process has brought forth a concept that reflects the lived-experience of the parish; bolsters our Sacramental and spiritual life; strengthens our preparedness for evangelization, catechesis, and service; and prepares us to be what one parishioner foresaw as “a lighthouse” of Faith in our local community. As I present to you the architectural concept in the paragraphs below, please take time to interiorize the spiritual priorities that give it shape, form, and purpose. Please also have in-hand the 11”x17” schematic prepared by DCMM Architects which accompanies this letter. To explain the schematic I will first need to address the pastoral highlights integral to the discernment of the concept and review the status of our current facilities. Thereafter, I will present the subsequent conclusions regarding the facilities needs of the parish and the Capital Campaign.

2. PARISH LIFE AND MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT FACILITIES

There are four principle areas that most influenced the discernment of the architectural concept and which, for the most part, are self-evident: (a.) the primacy of Sunday Mass or what we could refer to as our “Sunday experience” as a parish family; (b.) Religious Education and the growing need for Family Catechesis and the various Rites of Christian Initiation for adults, teens, and children (RCIA, RCIT, RCIC); (c.) the beautifully active devotional and prayer life of the parish, centered most vibrantly on Eucharistic Adoration; and (d.) on-going maintenance efforts and the assessment of current and future facilities. All four areas were addressed in our Indicators of Vitality Survey and in consultation with staff, clergy, architects, engineers, and in numerous Pastoral Council and Finance Council meetings. In the end though, I believe what has brought it all together is a particular “light” of the Lord discerned in prayer.

a.) The “Sunday Experience”

Sunday Mass is the heart of parish life. Everything in a parish should lead to celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and in the Sunday Eucharist and from the Sunday Eucharist draw its life and purpose (cf. *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* 1). There is a deep and hear-felt Eucharistic piety in our congregation which I cherish as Pastor. As we prepare to celebrate our 40th Anniversary Jubilee Year which begins on February 2, 2018, and will include the solemn consecration of the permanent Altar by Cardinal Wuerl on Sunday, February 4, 2018 (11:30 AM Mass), we have undertaken several efforts to beautify the nave and sanctuary of the church: re-painting the church interior, Parish Center, and hallways; repairing the ceiling and base boards; and purchasing 650 linear feet of hand-crafted, red-oak pews to be installed on June 17, 2018 (which so many of you made possible). Thanks to the generosity of two parish families, matching red oak furnishings will be installed around the Altar of Sacrifice (where the priest celebrates Mass) and the Altar of Presence (where the Tabernacle holds the Blessed Sacrament). The wooden furnishings will provide an aesthetic frame around the base of both altars that matches the deep and rich wood of the pews.

Even though Sunday Mass is the heart and soul of parish life, it is also, in a certain way, just the beginning. We need time and space to be with one another, to grow in friendship and fellowship, and for the young and not-so-young of the parish to get to know one another. Toward this end we have increased the frequency of “Coffee and Donuts” after the Sunday morning Masses and added a number of Saturday evening theme-based socials throughout the year. On Sundays how often do we stay after Mass sharing with each other on the concrete patio out front or in the main lobby, sometimes well into the next Mass? Wouldn’t it be a blessing to have more space to gather? And what if that space safeguarded the silence of the nave, perhaps even including a baptistery where we could place our hands for Holy Water making the sign of the Cross and renewing our baptismal promises each time we came for Mass? I think we can all see that a gathering space on the front of the church with a baptistery prior to the nave (which could serve as a second buffer or lobby) would enhance the possibility of growing together as a parish family.

b.) Religious Education

At the top of our list of parish priorities must always be the formation of the young and those in need of the Sacraments. For this reason, three years ago, we began Family Catechesis as the foundation and hallmark of our Religious Education program. Our now regularly scheduled “Family Nights” grew out of the concern that almost half of our Religious Ed children did not regularly attend Sunday Mass. The reasons are many. The pastoral response was to begin a series of family experiences that physically, actually would begin in the church, include a meal together in the parish center, and culminate in a catechetical exercise for the whole family, led and guided by the parents (many of whom hunger and thirst for basic catechesis). The program has grown beautifully and steadily. At our most recent Family

Night over 92 percent of parents with their children participated. For me as Pastor it is a dream come true to see these young families together - who have so many pressures and so much to deal with - and to witness the parents regularly attending catechesis with their children. Here, we should recall one of the great prophecies of Pope St. John Paul II, "The future of the Church and of the world passes by way of the family" (*Familiaris Consortio* 86). That is, as goes the family, so go the Church and the world.

For these reasons and as a fruit of the Family Nights program, we decided this year to start *all* of our weekly Religious Ed sessions (on Tuesdays and Wednesdays) in the church with prayer and song, after which our catechists return with their students to their classrooms. Reflecting on this experience we can understand the Patristic dictum that the liturgy - i.e., the Mass, the Sacraments, and sacred prayer of the Church within the sacred place consecrated for their celebration - is the principle catechist and evangelist of God's people. *Everything* in Religious Education should flow from the liturgy, and our ordinary catechetical sessions should involve being physically inside the church, within the sacred walls where we pray especially on the Lord's Day. It follows that our facilities should enhance the possibility for the catechesis of our children and Adult Faith Formation to take place in proximity to the sanctuary.

There are many other faith formation efforts taking place in the parish which I would like to mention (i.e., SJN Men's, Women's, and College Ministry), but for lack of space I will focus on two: Youth Ministry and Jesus Summer Camp. Since September of 2016 we have continued a 5PM Sunday "Youth Mass" followed by High School and Middle School Youth Group. The Mass is of course open to everyone and is called a "Youth Mass" because the liturgical ministries are led by members of our High School Youth Group. Following the Mass teens gather in the Parish Center or at the Neumann House for a meal together and for their respective activities. We have a very dedicated team of adult volunteers who direct both groups and an amazing team of high school "peer ministers" who actually help run the evenings. The middle school teens have an absolutely great time together, at least that's my observation when I visit, and seeing the high-schoolers share their faith with their peers is youth ministry at its best. The teens - and many of our adult prayer groups and ministries - "love" the Neumann House because it feels like home, not an institution, and provides warm gathering spaces to have small group discussions. This year we have 19 teens preparing to receive the Sacraments, and RCIT as become a "regular" SJN ministry.

This past summer we launched Jesus Summer Camp. The idea was simple: as kids get busier with sports/band/etc. and moms and dads are going crazy driving their kids all over the county, what if we could provide an alternative to our academically scheduled Religious Ed program? Instead of coming for 36 total class hours over the school year on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, how about signing up for 80 hours over a two week period (plus Family Nights during the regular year) where each child can come to know Jesus and His Church? What if these two weeks counted as a Religious Ed school year? Thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Maureen Joseph and a core team of fantastic catechists, 47 children took part in Jesus Summer Camp and received class credit from the Archdiocesan Office of Catechesis. Next summer we intend to expand the program and to make Family Nights a mandatory part of the camp.

c.) Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Thanks to the dedication of our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Committee, St. John Neumann Parish has over 250 registered adorers of the Most Blessed Sacrament. To all of you, I hope that you can hear a resounding "thank you" from my heart to yours for your vigilance at all hours of the day and night. I am convinced that the single greatest blessing of our parish after Sunday Mass is the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. I know that many of you feel the same way. Our Eucharistic adorers are the leaven that helps the whole loaf of the parish rise with the Gospel. After multi-use catechetical space

in our Indicators Survey, an expanded Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel was highly rated. Many of you have asked for an expanded Adoration Chapel that could accommodate more adorers (an increase from 13 to 25 seats) and would provide ease of entry and exit where the elderly and handicapped with wheelchairs and walkers could easily enter and pray along with fathers, mothers, and their children.

If Sunday Mass is the “source and summit” (CCC 1324) of our life, the energy that sustains us on our daily journey “up the mountain” is Eucharistic Adoration. Wouldn’t it be strikingly beautiful to have a chapel that is prominently anchored to the church, with a bell tower like roof, a prominent Cross at its apex, and skylights that become luminaries at night so that the most magnificent Luminous Mystery of all – the Holy Eucharist – is truly, architecturally, visibly a “lighthouse” for the world? And wouldn’t you appreciate a vestibule that serves as a sound barrier between the hallway and gathering space so that adorers could come and go freely without compromising the contemplative silence of those in Adoration?

[If you haven’t given a resounding “Amen” yet while reading the letter, now could be a good time.]

d.) Maintenance and Facilities

Since being installed as Pastor, Our Lady has placed a pastoral zeal in my soul for our facilities. I certainly did not expect it. This zeal is in itself an important sign for me to discern. What does the Lord desire? What is He doing? Why should we undertake these projects now? What I have concluded is that He has had us on a “divine maintenance plan” so that the facilities we build in the future maximize the spiritual life and mission of the parish while most effectively “leveraging” the resources and facilities we already own. Here I will thus summarize the most significant projects we have undertaken at our three concurrently operated properties: the Rectory Residence and Offices (or Lochaven property); the Church and Parish Center; and the Neumann House. Please let me be clear that *all* of these projects have been paid for *entirely* by gifts and bequests and with absolutely no use of funds from the Capital Campaign.

Rectory Residence and Offices/Lochaven Property

- New 30 year architectural shingle roof on full complex (residence, office, garage, breezeway)
- New Pepco LED light upgrade for all inside and outside fixtures
- New well pump, water storage tank, sewer grinder pump
- Repair of house siding and paneling power-washed
- Basement offices and common meeting rooms painted; door replaced; shelves added
- South-side down spouts integrated beneath ground, backyard re-graded for water drainage
- New deck built and paid for by Fr. Sweeney, living/dining rooms painted by seminarians

Church and Parish Center

- New 30 year architectural shingle roof on full complex (church, Parish Center, Religious Ed)
- New Pepco LED light upgrade for all inside and outside fixtures, security cameras installed
- New roof-installed 6.5 ton compressor/HVAC unit
- New Bose sound system for church with choir boom microphones and localized sound amp
- New amp, lobby speaker, and newly installed outdoor speaker for church patio
- New hot water heater, ice machine, and repaired plumbing for kitchen
- New commercial quality (4,000 sq. ft.) floor in Parish Center
- New folding chairs (250 total) for Parish Center and Religious Ed
- New Modern-Fold Accordion Wall for Religious Ed conference room, storage closets installed
- Painting of church, baseboards and cleaning of wooden ceiling cover, brick walls and vents
- New red oak, handcrafted pews for 40th Anniversary, enhanced aisles and handicap access

Neumann House

- New 30 year architectural shingle roof on entire house, including entrance and solarium
- New motion-activated lights and security cameras installed for enhanced safety
- Backyard and porch slope re-graded for water drainage
- Middle breezeway widened and interior kitchen window added for child safety
- Upstairs rooms painted with fully functional showers/bathrooms for guests/missions
- First and second floor hardwood floors sanded, repaired, sealed, and varnished
- Basement painted, stairs repaired, water damaged drywall repaired, new tiles installed
- Installation of handicap access ramp to main entrance
- Renovation of living room into fully functioning chapel with Blessed Sacrament, Tabernacle, Altar, sacred vessels, Roman Missal, Marian Missal, Baptistery, Stations of the Cross, statues

In sum, from repairing the rectory roof in December 2014 to purchasing pews for the church in December 2017, the Lord has guided us the past three years to a point where *all* of our major facilities are usable, maintainable, and viable for ministry well into the future. Let us thank Him for our benefactors and for the hard work of Mrs. Rebecca Tuban, Parish Business Manager (who oversaw all bidding, planning, and legal preparation), Luis Jimenez, Maintenance Technician, our good-hearted vendors, and our very dedicated Facilities Committee (Sam Fanning, Mike May, Kevin Bohrer, and Dcn. Mike Davy).

3. FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION

So, now, what is the Lord telling us? What does it mean that we have fully functioning facilities at the rectory, Neumann House, and church campuses? Please allow me to draw four basic conclusions.

a.) Rectory Residence for Priests

First, the current rectory is in good condition to house three or four priests well into the future. It is a tightly constructed facility standing on a densely forested lot of 7.9 acres, the assessment value of which has increased from \$685,633 in 2015 to \$750,300 in 2017. It is a secluded area which provides a refuge of sorts for people when they visit and for priests when they come home to pray and to rest. In addition, although we would rather not consider such things, if we observe recent trends, the current rectory location offers greater security, privacy, and safety for priests in residence, because it is secluded, than a house on a major thoroughfare with growing traffic, a busy intersection, and in full public view. If we consider the size of the living area (3600 sq. ft.) along with the main offices (1,440 sq. ft.) and fully finished basement (1,800 sq. ft.), the build-cost-value of the entire facility (6,840 sq. ft.) at a discounted rate of \$200 per sq. ft. is \$1.37 million. Now, we could certainly not sell the property for that price, but if we were to build a facility in today's dollars with equivalent square footage we would pay close to that amount. Given these reasons (safety, privacy, land value, to-build cost) along with what we know of the County's intended expansion of Goshen Road (est. 2021), we can conclude that it would be advisable for the parish to maintain the current rectory rather than build a new one on the Neumann House property.

b.) Long-term Viability of Neumann House

Second, two years ago I presented a proposal to you that it was more economical for us to repair the Neumann House roof and re-grade the backyard rather than rent equivalent space at another facility at a highly reduced rate of \$75 per day (20 days per month x 12 months x \$75 per day = \$18,000 per year). Since taking that step, as evidenced in the list above, a number of parishioners and vendors have helped improve the house so that it recently passed a residential and mold inspection by a certified auditor. What we all thought had to be demolished has become for us – to my surprise – a viable facility offering

3,869 sq. ft. of fully usable space, a “redeemed” build-cost-value of \$773,800 (at \$200 per sq. ft.), and has evolved into a “mini-parish center” for prayer groups and ministries with meetings seven days a week, almost 365 days a year. For these reasons it would be most beneficial for the parish to keep the house.

Looking ahead, we have three more improvements that will secure viability of the Neumann House for years to come: (1) a new electrical panel (to be installed in January 2018); (2) modular HVAC units for rooms on the extremities; and (3) new siding for the exterior (quotation pending). I should add that the former art studio and breezeway connected to the garage are not salvageable and must be demolished, although the garage (which offers prime storage space and easy access) surprisingly is salvageable. Demolition of the studio and breezeway would be funded by the Capital Campaign.

c.) Viability of Building at the Church

Third, as we examine the ministerial and pastoral “programming” needs of the parish and the principle areas of discernment described above, we can see that they all center on the church. It makes sense then that, if possible, new facilities should be built in close proximity to the church itself. This would bring with it other benefits, namely, that (1) the new facilities built on the church campus would not require sewer and water since the church already has them, and (2) associated infrastructure (i.e., parking) would not need to be built because it already exists. This means that a higher percentage of funds would be focused on construction of the actual facilities and services directly related with building them (architectural and engineering services) rather than on in-ground infrastructure (sewer, water, parking). The logical conclusion then from both a programming and financial perspective is to build at the church.

So, what about getting the hard-fought sewer designation change from the County Council? It was indeed a blessing that we obtained the designation and a very sound investment of resources to do so. The new designation (S-1) gives us the freedom to develop the property in the future, should we wish, with commercial grade infrastructure and facilities. Essentially, a door is open for us that was not open before. At the same time, it would be most prudent for us to focus our financial resources on those discerned priorities which will result in the greatest positive impact on the life and mission of the parish.

d.) Cooperation with Victory Housing

The possibility still remains to co-develop the Neumann House property with Victory Housing, the low-cost, senior assisted-living not-for-profit corporation of the Archdiocese. According to previous discussions, in exchange for access to half the property (2.0 of 3.9 acres) in order to build and operate a 38 unit assisted living facility, Victory Housing would pay to bring sewer and water to the entire property (which the parish could tap into in the future) and provide an overflow parking lot for parish use. Thus, Victory Housing would cover preparation costs for sewer, water, and parking (est. \$800,000) in exchange for access to half the property (total value \$647,000; half = \$323,500), which the parish would still own. The benefit to Victory Housing is a prime location for services in the up-county. The benefit to the parish is a much needed service for seniors in the community and assistance with infrastructure costs. The new CEO has expressed interest in collaboration and has asked to meet in January 2018 to revisit the project. This could be a “win-win” but is not necessary for the parish to pursue immediate facilities priorities.

All told, looking at our pastoral priorities and facilities needs, we can draw four conclusions.

- a.) It would be best to keep the rectory residence at its current location on Lochaven.
- b.) The Neumann House is a viable, useful facility which should be maintained.
- c.) The most logical place to build based on our programming priorities is at the church.
- d.) S-1 status is of long-term benefit for future development of the Neumann House property.

4. A TOUR OF THE PROPOSED CHURCH ADDITION

Now, let's walk through the proposed church addition as sketched on the 11" x 17" concept. The spiritual vision is simple yet profound and can be summarized in three words: encounter, communion, and mission. Our hope is to build a place of *encounter* with Christ that leads to *communion* with Him and His people at Mass, from which we are sent into the world on *mission*, strengthened by the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship, and sound catechesis. Entering from the north side, you can see a prominent tower with a traditional steeple crowned by a Cross, visible from the intersection of Goshen and Warfield. You are at a church. The front entrance routes are large, welcoming, and visible: one to the right into a vestibule which leads to an open gathering space on the left or to the Adoration Chapel on the right; and one on the left side of the facility that opens into the gathering space. The gathering space is welcoming, warm, and well illuminated by glass windows on the front allowing for abundant natural light. You are in a place of encounter with Christ and His people. On Sundays the gathering space becomes a large foyer or narthex; on week nights and Saturdays it can host meetings for parish groups and ministries.

As you stand in the gathering space you see the Office of Faith Formation to your left. Instead of walking around to the back of the Parish Center (its current location), now you can easily find the place to register for baptisms, marriage prep, First Communion or Confirmation class, Religious Ed, Jesus Summer Camp, Family Nights, RCIA, RCIT, RCIC - you name it. On Sundays, in the same space, the priest greets you after Mass as you gather with fellow parishioners under the comfort of a covered foyer. As you speak to the priest he can literally point to the office where you go to register your children or yourself for faith formation. On weeknights the gathering space, which is roughly the same size as rooms 4, 5, and 6 in the Parish Center (in front of the kitchen), is transformed into multi-use catechetical space. There is a storage closet to the right for tables and chairs to be set up in the foyer with an independent audio system to support classes, conferences, marriage prep, and breakout sessions on Family Nights.

Moving from the gathering space toward the nave of the church, you walk into the Baptistry. This is the place where you remember your own baptism. Holy Water is there for you to bless yourself. The ambry holds the sacred oils of the Catechumenate, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the Sick. To your left there is a confessional with a green light on, inviting you to come and receive the Sacrament of Healing and Mercy, where you renew your baptismal call to holiness, and then enter the nave of the church with a soul filled with the grace and peace of God. This is a place of reconciliation and holiness.

Exiting from the nave you return to the gathering space and notice doors to the vestibule on the side opposite to the Office of Religious Formation. You pass through the vestibule and into a simple, deeply contemplative and sacred place reserved for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. You are in the living Heart of the parish. Looking around you find ample seating for 20 to 25 people and convenient access for the handicapped. You look up and notice windows at the top of the chapel with soft light and realize that, in the evenings, the windows at the top portion of the chapel emit the same light. The light is a sign of the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and identifies the parish as a "lighthouse," a beacon of hope and truth of He who is "the light of the world" (Jn 8:12). You want to stay and pray.

Leaving the Chapel you depart from the east door that leads to a sidewalk parallel to the Parish Center. You continue down the sidewalk and find the new Office of Liturgy and Music where the Office of Religious Formation used to be. When you go inside and speak with MaryLu Hartsell, you see how happy she is that her office is actually on the church premises. The choir room is just down the hall (meeting room 2), and she is able to easily walk to the nave to practice on the organ. In addition, there is a spacious area where she can meet with families who are planning a wedding, a funeral, or special Mass.

After speaking with MaryLu you head down the corridor toward the Parish Center. You see what used to be a storage room now renovated with large closets (for storage) and an open space for the environmental sacristans to prepare flowers and small groups to meet. You enter into the Parish Center and notice the nice new floors, the comfortable folding chairs, the beautiful crucifix and image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and you decide you're definitely coming back on Sunday for "pupusas" and tacos after the Spanish Mass. Walking down the hall you pass by the family room (which some refer to as the "cry room"), pass through the newly painted double doors, and enter the corridor where the Adoration Chapel used to be. You notice that the former chapel is the new Lay Ministers Room where adults keep their badges for liturgical ministries, ushers store the bulletins, and altar servers find their vestments. Since you know your way around, you return to the Baptistry and find a few parishioners speaking. Two of them are sacristans. They share with you that they've never had it so good and absolutely "love" the newly expanded Working Sacristy, where they care for the sacred vessels and the holy books are kept, and a more secluded Vesting Sacristy, where the priests and deacons prayerfully prepare for Mass. After sharing for a few minutes you return to the nave to say a prayer of thanks to the Lord on a very nice pew.

5. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

I hope the narration above gives you a sense of the spiritual vision behind the architecture. Now, please allow me to present the estimated cost of the new facility based on the feasibility study.

New Addition Construction 4,203 sq. ft. @ 275 sq. ft.	\$1,155,825.00
Anticipated "Soft" Costs (est. 20% of Construction Cost)	\$231,165.00
Architectural Design Fees	
Building Permit Fee	
Site Review Permit	
Impact Tax Fee	
Construction Testing and Inspections	
Site Work "Hard" Costs	\$325,000.00
Civil Engineering "Soft" Costs (Design/Service Fees)	\$125,000.00
TOTAL EST. COST of Proposed New Addition	\$1,836,990.00

As you can see the total estimated cost of the proposed new addition is within the remaining projected budget of \$2 million of our total five year pledge goal of \$2.5 million. This means that if we all fulfill our pledges on time (by December 2018) we can look toward construction to begin in 2019. You will notice that in all I have described I have not mentioned new Rectory Offices. At this stage, they cannot be part of our immediate plans. That does not mean, however, that we will not look toward other possibilities in the future. Lastly, next month I will reconvene a newly formed Building Committee led by members of the Pastoral Council who will oversee the drafting of Architectural Drawings for the facility. The Pastoral Council will keep you posted on the progress of the drawings and any associated steps.

In closing, I hope that this report has been helpful in updating you on the progress of our Capital Campaign. Should you have any questions or concerns, please be free to call the rectory to set up an appointment with me in person. Thank you once again for your generous support of our parish family.

In the Holy Family,


Rev. Joseph E. Rogers, Pastor

*My prayers are with you
for a blessed Christmas and New Year!*