

May, 2013

Dear Parishioner:

Last year a survey was conducted to begin consideration of future expansion of the facilities at Holy Redeemer. The consensus was that additional classrooms and a parish center/hall were sorely needed. In January, 2013 a Building Committee was formed to begin planning for such expansion. At the initial meeting on March 10 the committee voted to contact the Bishop to obtain permission to begin serious discussions.

The Bishop has given his approval for: beginning the expansion process, contacting an architect and to establish a method of financing. Father William and I met with Leo Anhalt, a contractor, a Catholic and has served on the diocesan building commission. Leo can help us with the process.

Speaking with Leo some building guidelines and a rough estimate of the cost has been obtained. Considering fourteen additional classrooms and a parish center sufficiently large to accommodate the needs it is estimated the cost per square foot is between \$140.00 and \$175.00 per square foot. It is not unreasonable to think the total cost of construction, including parking, to be about \$1.4 million.

The Diocese will loan the parish the funds provided we meet their guidelines for construction and the ability to repay a loan. With this in mind the Building Committee voted to ask each parish household to begin/continue contributing to the existing Building Fund so that a projection of funds can be used to determine what can be built. Given current information it is anticipated that the campaign for funds will require a monthly commitment of \$18,000.00 per month for at least 5 years. Assuming this can be reached \$1.08 million would be collected.

\$18,000.00 per month seems like an amount that is unreasonable; however, the needs of our parish are great and the parish is growing. The parish has purchased property costing over \$400,000.00 in the past five years. The property is paid for, the parish has no debt.

The Committee is asking two things: One, pray about this matter; second, begin contributing what you are able to the Building Fund. We must believe that if this is God's will for our parish, He will provide. For those who have envelopes you are encouraged to use them; for those who don't have envelopes make the monthly contribution by placing your contribution in the Building Fund collection taken up the first Sunday of each month.

This will require the support of all members of our parish. If you have any suggestions you may contact a Building Committee member: Tom Cogan, Monica Frizzell, Evaristo Garcia, Eduardo Garrido, Robert Hilton, Brad Kent or Eucibio Ortiz.

Sincerely,

Tom Cogan  
Chairperson, Building Fund