

Feasibility Study Update: Next Steps

Recent bulletins have included updates on the process and results of the building project feasibility study. The bulletin articles and other information related to the building project feasibility study are found on the St. Gabriel website in the “Building Project Feasibility Study” area accessed by a link from the Home page (<http://stgabrielhubertus.org/committees/building-project-feasibility-study/>).

Last week’s bulletin summarized the results of the Needs Assessment that was completed over the summer to determine and rank the parish’s priorities. The #1 recommendation that came from the Needs Assessment process was, *“To create one central campus to advance the mission of the entire parish community and for use by all the ministries of the parish including shared space to be used by the school, religious education, adult faith formation, prayer and worship, human concerns, etc.*

The building project feasibility study committee will continue to move forward with the process of soliciting parishioner input regarding the #1 recommendation listed above, and the parish leadership councils will continue to discern the proper direction for the parish. Throughout the coming months, we will continue to follow the steps as prescribed by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, seeking approvals from the Archdiocese at defined milestones as appropriate. This may include seeking permission to conduct a capital campaign to raise money for a building project to address the #1 recommendation listed above. However, before we can even consider embarking on a capital campaign, we need to determine how much money could be raised through such an effort. Therefore, the next steps in the feasibility study are to:

- 1) Develop conceptual schematics for a building project to address the #1 recommendation from the Needs Assessment process
- 2) Prepare project cost estimates
- 3) Assess the level of financial support for a building project through a feasibility study
- 4) Refine plans, if necessary, based upon the results of the feasibility study

Only once the feasibility study is completed will there be enough information to inform the scope and demand for a potential capital campaign.

Finally, if you had the opportunity to attend Fr. Tim’s installation as pastor of St. Gabriel, you had the opportunity to listen to Archbishop Jerome ListECKI challenge us to be bold and courageous in our plans to strengthen and build our parish family for generations to come. As we move forward, let us continue to heed the words of our local Shepherd, and to be open to the Spirit alive and at work in our parish as we strive to build the kingdom of God in this corner of His vineyard.