

Feasibility Study Update

The feasibility study for adding parish facilities is continuing. As has been written and spoken about in mass previously, a Needs Assessment strategic planning activity was completed during summer 2015 by a broad cross-section of more than 100 parishioners to determine the priorities for our parish as part of the Feasibility Study actions. The input and recommendations of the participants were focused in the areas of: 1) Prayer & Worship, 2) Faith Formation, 3) Buildings & Grounds, 4) Human Concerns, 5) Catholic School and 6) Finance & Stewardship. The recommendations were then ranked by parishioners attending town hall meeting that all parishioners were invited to attend and the number one recommendation 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 school, religious education, adult faith formation, prayer and worship, human concerns, etc."*

The programming and space needs analysis performed during the last feasibility study was reviewed and updated, again by a group of parishioners representing the six focused areas (i.e., 1) Prayer & Worship, 2) Faith Formation, etc....). A space plan has now been prepared by an architect hired by St. Gabriel with funds donated specifically for this purpose. Comparing the scope of the project to meet these stated parish needs with an assessment of the parish's ability to fund such a project is currently being completed. We anticipate that there will be a series of parish town hall-style meetings in the upcoming month or two, so stay tuned.

We hope that you have been able to receive the information being shared. You can reach us by emailing stgabrielfeasibility@gmail.com or by calling any member of the committee. Stay tuned to the bulletin, parish website and upcoming issues of the *Messenger* for more information.