



As many parishioners have noted, we have had a lot of progress with the development of our new campus. Preliminary architectural drawings have been created by architectural firm DLR for the St. Gabriel Campus Plan. The plan includes a permanent worship space, one classroom per grade school as well as a central courtyard space that ties our campus together.

With these drawings, we have already started preliminary discussions with the Diocese for feedback and will meet formally with the Diocese of Phoenix Building Commission in the third week of September to receive more detailed feedback, assistance, and approval for the full development of our architectural plans. St. Gabriel will continue to meet with the Diocese Building Commission through the finalized development of our architectural plans and through our building process.

Our architectural firm DLR has asked Atherton Engineering to conduct the necessary pre-construction preparations including land surveying, storm water design, site grading design, and development of paved pathways, parking and courtyard design. There has also been a fire flow test completed by the City of Phoenix. There have and will be more soil boring tests done to check the structural capacity of the soil. These surveys will allow DLR to make changes to the plans as needed before we move forward with final drawings to submit for permits.

As we continue to move through this building process and firm up our floor plans, we will be able to finalize building costs and our subsequent fundraising goals.

To ensure a realistic and attainable budget, the overall campus plan includes new construction of an 800 to 1000 seat worship space and will repurpose the "old hall" for church administration offices, which is now being used for the middle school and meeting space. The school will have newly constructed classrooms with one class per grade for Kindergarten through 8th grade. The current worship space will be repurposed for multiple uses for the school and parish.

A central courtyard space between the new worship space and the new school will tie the campus together. The courtyard will allow a place for outdoor events and a gathering space for our parishioners.

We want to remind our community that we have received a \$5 million dollar lead gift to be used toward the campus construction. This gift is for both the new worship space and the school to unite and inspire the campus. It is a starting point, a solid foundation, to build the campus together.

It has been agreed that the proposed buildings will only move forward when we are successful with our fundraising so we will build with "cash".

This allows us to continue to reduce our debt while still building a new worship space and adding classrooms for the school.

We also want to continue to share the good news about our debt reduction.

In July, the Diocese of Phoenix reduced our debt by \$125,000, our St. Gabriel donor family matched this at \$125,000 and your debt reduction payments also allowed us to pay down our debt \$125,000.

So, in total we blessed with everyone working together to reduce our debt by another \$375,000 making our new total debt 3.9 Million.

Can you believe it??? We have moved from 8 million in debt to now \$3.9 million in debt and we are well on our way to reducing it to 2.8 million in the next 4 years.

I cannot thank everyone enough for working together! This include the Diocese, our donor family and all of you who continue to make the debt payments!

If you have any question about the building project please contact Amy Jo Hutchison – capitalcampaign@stgacc.org. She would love to give you more information about where we are and what the plans currently look like as we move through the planning.

