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I want to **thank the parishioners** that participated in the recent study to give **feedback** on a proposed St. Gabriel Campus Building Project. I also want to thank the parishioners who have donated many hours on task forces to help identify strategic areas of improvement for the facilities and the ministries.

In the past several years we have participated in a couple of pre-campaign studies for building projects. We listened to your feedback and prayerfully considered the needs of all who are very passionate about their desire for both a church and a school. Many, including myself, have earnestly prayed and asked God for guidance on how to serve and build the ministries of this entire campus more fully.

As a result of the prior pre-campaign assessments and input from the community through the task forces – we created a **comprehensive St. Gabriel Campus Building Project that includes a permanent church, one classroom per grade permanent school, and the removal of our oldest structures to improve the use and aesthetics of the entire campus.**

I am very pleased to announce the results of the study completed two weeks ago showed **overwhelming support for this comprehensive St. Gabriel Campus Building Project.** We also understood the concern of the study participants about the costs for this project and so moving forward we will be working diligently to create a smaller scale budget.

Please understand that we are in the very early stages of this discussion so we do not have timelines nor set building plans to complete any projects but our goal is to move quickly on the next stages of a campaign. We are working with an architect to design initial sketches and the costs associated with building so we can ensure we stay on target for costs.

The next step in this process will be to speak with a few parishioners who may have the ability to help fund this project. These discussions will gather their input and further our understanding of how to move forward with the plan.

It's important for you to know that **we are NOT seeking any further debt toward the St. Gabriel Building Project.** We will only move forward when and if we secure enough funds to build with "cash".

In regard to this campus-wide plan, I also want to share some very exciting news.

We have received a \$5 million-dollar lead gift for the St. Gabriel Campus Building Project that includes both a church and a school. This gift is meant to unite and inspire the entire St. Gabriel Community to "Together, Let Us Go Forth", and to build the community's campus that would be a place of mercy, healing and learning that shows the light of God's grace.

Please feel free to contact **Amy Jo Hutchison** who is working on this project or myself with any questions or if you would like to discuss a gift toward this building project.

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