

Questionnaire - Questions and Answers

Question 1

As you can see, we are not addressing items that would be “nice additions”, but are focusing on stark and very real needs. In your opinion, what is the **most important** benefit to be realized as a result of the proposed undertaking for Saint Louis Parish?

#1 proper maintenance & updating; pay now vs pay more later
Moving Tabernacle & fixing up sanctuary is #1
[Brace?] Roof; HVAC [plenty]; stick w/[Brace?]; only necessary to have vestibule [revision?]
1. church roof; 2. beam bracing over Altar; 3. windows; 4. kids/bath fixes enlargement in church; 5. school wiring corrections-need to add voltage panels; 6. Rectory furnace & wiring & access
1. Request proposals from: structural engineer, Mr Tom's Engineers; 2. Why is the Diocese not contributing to life, safety, of parish? Is there a bldg/maintenance fund?
1. Roof of church; 2. School renovations; 3. upgraded & additional restrooms; 4. Doorway to church book store, vice main part of church
1. Spiritual benefit of moving Tabernacle to proper place; 2. Safety/security of parishioners/school children/teachers; 3. Adequate school facilities
1. Structural integrity of church/school; 2. Moving Tabernacle/Altar; 3. Extension/Renovation of Vestibule; 4. McClunn Hall renovation; 5. Security system
1.those related to safety & [ADA]; 2. School
Adequate facilities to carry out mission of church
Affordable Catholic education; reasonable compensation for teachers
Anna: Fix basic issues first: roof, foundations, windows in all bldgs; lighting; fix Altar as priests select; check energy usage; ?New bldgs vs extensive renovations?; Frank: But new vestibule, restrooms, carpet are "nice"; foundation work/repair may help
Barb: Having a beautiful facility enhances our closeness to the Lord; Gerald: My concern: Will committees have latitude to completely redo "artist's concepts" or other renovations currently being proposed?
Basic infrastructure improvements: roof, foundation, windows, pews, rugs, HVAC upgrade
better lighting
Capital maintenance/renovation of existing facilities; I like concept of relocating Tabernacle, so long as costs can be kept reasonable. How far can the \$100K already donated for this purpose get us?
Church roof & window; security system; meditation garden; handicap accessible
Church roof/bldg repairs & school repairs first
Code compliance w safety regs; Structural integrity; Security
Cont'd existence of St. Louis School and St. Louis Community
Dale: Roofs on school & church; fix school; pews; extend vestibule, but nix the gift shop; do not change the sanctuary; Trina: 1. New church roof before leaking destroys wood paneling; 2. Replace ceiling in McClunn hall; 3. School roof; 4. New window supports in church; 5. More bathrooms in church

David: That is not true statement; Core renovations for safety are the real needs; Optional items are 'nice additions'. Recommend Capital Campaign focus on safety concerns; optional items should be done w/n parish budget in prioritized order, possibly using alternative resources (volunteers, [boosters], etc.); if certain areas are better done simultaneous w/ for safety items (like relocating Tabernacle) these could be added. A method for prioritizing optional items should be developed [including] parishioner input. In sum: think most of optional items should be pulled out [of Cap Campaign]; Would like to know how much that would be. Also given that, was consulting company still required?; Jean: Roof not falling in
develop paper plans where we are able to make necessary improvement to existing infrastructure (church roof, school walls, etc) while at same time develop improvement ideas (vestibule, McClunn Hall, etc.)
Diana: roof over sanctuary; First protect property from further decay that would prevent St. Louis from fulfilling mission & enable it to better serve & worship; then creature-comfort...so roof, accessibility & meditation garden would take priority over parking lot, storage; Keith: Done properly, campaign should address needs for 2 generations to come; would respectfully disagree that all projects address stark needs
Do all req'd repair/maint to extend useful life of all bldgs/facilities
Doors & restrooms; roof goes w/t saying; If folks can't hear, certainly PA
Fix church structurally
Fix school to educate children w solid Catholic teaching
Fix what needs to be fixed
Fixing req'd items: roof, windows, etc.; reducing maintenance costs
For continuing faith in God, Jesus, & our Christian Community
For Parish to continue to bring others closer to Christ we need to have a safe, structurally sound facility. The heart of Church is Christ in Tabernacle; Sanctuary changes are next priority.
Fully support required structural needs (roof, beam, etc); we should not be using need to make these repairs as excuse for repairing Altar, Tabernacle, etc; we did major renovation of Altar in 1989 (at great \$); more mods are not req'd
Ginny: Safety-1st in school bldgs; then church; Sound system that works will hold peoples' attention; many people already donated to have Tabernacle moved... When?; Wm: Structural defects at school & church need to top list; discretionary needs: move Tabernacle to rightful place; enlarge vestibule; sound system; Can wait: pews, upgrading grounds
If we achieve a project that meets our priority needs, will be vote of confidence in our parish & in our community
improve lighting in church
Improvement of church being central aspect of Parish
Kath: McClunn Hall; Roof school/church; school/McClunn bathrooms; KEN: Make certain church & school are legal/safe
Limiting my perspective to physical facilities, the improvements to school are of particular interest to me
Maintain bldgs to cont to provide for Parish

Maintaining existing facilities as opposed to additions & changes
Maintenance needs to be done to prevent more expense later
Maintenance of parish center (church) & catholic education for children
Maintenance of physical plant not necessarily 'mission'. [Do you mean 'goals' vs 'benefit'? See Q2 ...]
Make Church/Parish welcoming, prayer-inducing environment to attract/retain parishioners looking for place to live out/enrich faith.
Many of your proposals seen to be mere additions instead of just focusing on the real needs
Most important could be avoid further deterioration; keep things running
Most of work needs to be done. Am not sure white "topping" & columns add to look of Altar; keep design as is - modern & plain
Move Tabernacle to center Altar; Focus then on Our Lord Jesus Christ.
My priorities: 1. Church-most important structural 1st; 2. School; 3. Rectory; 4. McClunn; 5. Grounds
Necessary repairs must come first - roof & structure
Necessary repairs; Have no argument w 1. pews need replacement; 2. Altar improvements will not bring Jesus closer to us
Need to do roof & beam (structural needs first), foundation, drainage that affect foundation
Need to work: 1. structure of bldg; 2. keeping rain out of bldgs; 3. maintenance; need to project what we have first, then expand; renovations should match existing architecture
Obviously we need to keep our bldgs & grounds useful-otherwise where would parish go?
Only most necessary items such as fixing roof, pews, & maintenance of structure should be addressed. Designs for revamped Altar & entry must be redesigned.
Op for next generations to be new pioneers/charter members of Parish
Pat: Safer structures; Una: Church roof; any project that protects existing investment; sanctuary; vestibule
Please focus on necessary needs & make all bldgs viable
Preservation of capital plant/stabilization of deteriorating portions.
Prioritize; get structural/safety issues first
Priority: must be done now; must be done soon; could be done to enhance our ability to worship
Protection of our facilities from deterioration will ensure we have a safe place to worship, live (priests), and learn (school)
Provide people love, faith, hope during these tough financial times.
provision of safe worship/work space for parish
real needs are proscribed by physicality of parish home at this time; our obligation is to preserve structures which will demand much sacrifice from many of our parish given financial climate
Renovation of church interior w relocation of Tabernacle & Tridentine Altar on which Tabernacle rests are top priority; should be first done

Repair school; children are our future; have needed a [sound] system for a long time
Revival of faith among youth & middle aged
Roof
Roofs need replacement; school needs windows replaced - they loose energy; school needs most updates; roof-so no rain/moisture
Ross: Long-term structural integrity of church bldgs & some renovations to address aging & worn furnishing/decoration & a small # of needed changes: Tabernacle changes & Narthex expansion; Lisa: *Safety, bringing things up to code. Beauty, in sanctuary. Update school
Run structural issues 1st-not having sound structure will lead to further issues; then get on the school (top to bottom); parking lot would be last-low importance, & construction traffic will damage any new surface!
Safe & secure place of worship & education
Safety
Safety
Safety and accessibility
Safety during activities; we definitely don't want church or school collapsing on us! Attention to ceilings, foundations, windows is critical
Safety for congregation
Safety of all using Parish facilities + improvement of facilities tob ring up to par w County standards & other diocesan Churches/Schools... Roof;]Foundation]; Bathrooms
Safety, health, & maintenance of church [tradition] in its spiritual & educational architectures
Safety; facilitate worship
Safety; new Sanctuary
school improvements
Sound updated; structural changes/updates to existing infrastructure
Strong & long-lasting foundation; eg, structure & facilities for celebrating Mas & Holy day ceremonies as well as faith formation for parishioners such as Chapel for adoration & school for children
Structural & mechanical upgrades are crucial; delayed maintenance will [inextricably] come back to haunt us
structural & safety items
Structural integrity & safety; ie, roof, wiring, support beams
Structural integrity improvement of church to be able to provide services to community
Structural repair of church should be given priority
That needs of school, church, rectory will be met & God will watch over all who work to complete them
The church: 1. structural; 2. accessibility; 3. rectory; School should do fundraising like other schools, complemented by funds from Parish & Diocese; Altar should remain same for now
The nice additions (optimal) features seem to out number items listed; the weight of priority should be based on additional damage if not addressed now: safety, future cost savings

<p>This question creates unnecessary antagonism between parish groups; most important benefits should be structural needs, obviously, we can't have bldgs collapsing. Why are we talking about prioritizing whether it's more important to have a new roof for church or a foundation for the school; we need them both</p>
<p>This will improve communication skills on various levels; will hopefully remove procrastination which is weakness of leadership over several years</p>
<p>to bring church & school to standard; to fix structural problems & expand area of vestibule (including more bathrooms); would help us to work together as community & bring us closer to one another</p>
<p>To bring things up to code; to correct & repair that which is old & in need of repair so church can go on for future generations</p>
<p>To have proper facilities for Parish family</p>
<p>To see what our parish needs & where our \$ & time would go</p>
<p>Too much to think about in 20 min</p>
<p>Vikki: "Things that fall from sky" - roof tiles (replace roof w warranty); all lighting fixtures in church (w warranty); anything dangerous in school and rectory ceiling); Keith: Make every effort to ensure parishioners are safe, feel joy on grounds, & know quality work has been well done.</p>
<p>We must proceed; Prioritize according to what projects will recover greatest increase in damage if process is delayed</p>
<p>we need a place where we can come & worship safely, comfortably</p>
<p>Will give church new & modern outlook, more appealing for worship</p>
<p>Windows replacement & energy preservation as well as roof repairs</p>
<p>WM: Moving Blessed Sacrament to Center focus in Church/lives...Kath: As R. Cath, Christ is Center of our focus, especially by placing Tabernacle in center, we give strong witness; condition of surrounding bldgs reflect our witness.</p>
<p>Would prefer to see essentials (roof, pews, etc) reinforced as apposed to things being prettier (stained glass, gardens) - as there is such a need to reinforce what we have</p>
<p>would probably be better served to build a new school bldg rather than trying to patch up old problems; additional note: Why cost so much to move Tabernacle?</p>
<p>Would recommend priority be given to roofs, lighting, & correction of safety problems</p>
<p></p>

Question 2. How would achieving this vision help fulfill our mission

Question 2
A beautiful church pays honor to God & helps people feel close to God
Adequate, safe bldgs for school, church
Allow more parishioners to access facilities & use to their capacity
Allows hopefully, encourages more people to come
Beautify Church; make more comfortable-in basic ways: pews, roof, cry room, bathrms, etc. Should help people who want to worship/pray in an appropriate space.
Believe "mission" is inappropriate; insulting to use our faith as a motivator to spend money
Bld community; draw on many skills evident among parishioners
brighter
by keeping our dissatisfied parishioners & bringing in new parishioners
church will be better & serene place for worship to God
Ensures our house of God will remain strong & sturdy for decades to come; our sanctuary to find peace in presence of Blessed Sacrament, & fortifying our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ
Ginny: Hopefully our church will be a beacon to many who are seeking Christ in their lives; Wm: Endangering children & parishioners is not helpful; Tabernacle move brings focus [more] back on Jesus rather than priest; sound system enhances liturgy of Word; Our priests to give uniformly excellent to wonderful [incentives]
Guiding youth in Lord's way should be top priority & will build foundation of service for now & future
Having a strong, sound facility enables you to spend more time & energy doing what you [can for fun]
I worked on interior furnishings for Blessed Sacrament chapel; St. Katarina Teka in So.Va; Mother Seaton in Clinton, MD; I do architecture metalwork in Catholic Churches since 1973
If our physical safety & well being is taken care of, we can enjoy our spiritual well being in all parish activities
Improved facilities & upgraded decoration will make Church more inspiring setting for prayer, as the adoration chapel has done.
Increase # of conversions.
It keeps our church physically able to fulfill its mission
It will depend on how we prioritize the projects
It would ensure St. Louis ability to serve the faithful
It would keep our parish alive for future generations
Keep people informed in writing about process; not enough communication about donations, expenses; more financial statements
Keep St. Louis attractive for all parishioners, guests, & friends.
Keeping church in good order should be part /parcel of our mission
Keeping parish vibrant & inviting to anyone seeking 'religion'
Keith: They could enable us to worship & serve in better space & hopefully address future growth

Maintains an attractive, safe, secure, environment for worship
Make our church more handicap accessible
Making God's house place of honor can't help but bring graces to Parish
may be new stained glass windows ?
Mission of St. Louis Church differs from mission of St. Louis facilities. Facilities must be safe; sanitary, & useful to all. Church mission is to preach Word of God - technically, that could be done in a tent.
More people will be drawn to St. Louis
More pleasant, safe atmosphere
Need new architect; have different proposals from other architectural firms
Need to concentrate on structural needs first w remodeling/relocating sanctuary & Tabernacle lowest priority.
Need to see costs & priorities that focus
Not sure
Obviously, bldgs need to be maintained & improved so they are functional, but most important thing is to put focus on God in the church by moving the Tabernacle to center Altar. When Christ is Center of our attention at Mass, it is easier to find Him, contemplate Him, and move closer to Him and serve Him.
Only most basic needs fulfill our mission; loss of parishioners from this parish has nothing to do w leaking roof or old carpet. To start a huge capital campaign in these econ times is unwise.
Only patch the parking lot
Our K of C used to help a lot in all areas; What happened? Usually free work!
People won't go to a place where they don't feel safe & at least minimally comfortable
Permits worship to continue
Please provide itemized report of parish's finances; strategic planning is public document; Does estimated cost of more than \$7M include after design engineer overview, project management to ensure quality of work?; Will feasibility study report be posted on website for public review? Will it be printed?; Where can I find list of approved Engineers & contractors for Diocese?
Preserve bldgs necessary for worship & education
Provide for a better, longer lasting physical plant, including improved walkways, surface parking area, along w grounds
provide safe meeting space & modern facility for educating young Catholics
Provide secure, pleasant atmosphere to worship/celebrate.
Put some things on bottom of list: gift shop; another restroom; roof entry expanded over driveway; prayer garden; larger children's' room; Resurface parking lot when needed
Renovation [reached?]; Include ornamental design elements
Ross: Ensure long-term health of parish bldgs & help parish to focus on its mission; Lisa: to make parish more fully usable so parishioners can work together in growing in holiness & in passing our faith on to our children & other Christians
Safer bldg in compliance w safety standards to worship; financially pledge 3-5 yrs
Set up an account for capital improvement so collection/fund raising can begin
Should not waste energy - costs less in long run [assume she means fixing them is good idea]
Shouldn't [Should?] be relevant. (these are all externals)

Solid structure for Mass, Holy Ceremonies, education & school will aid all parishioners in seeking & finding & worshipping Christ to [start] to become the saints we are called to be; w/t safe & useable structures, it will be very challenging to hold Mass, adoration & classes in all weather conditions
Some people are drawn first by appearance of bldg/facility so it could assist in [frame?] of people for worship; also report for what is available to us
Take up special collection for repairs after we have received estimates for roof, beam, windows, school mods, A/C units...
Taking care of our facilities ensures the [cause?] of our goals
The roof would keep church sound; bathrooms are needed for this size parish & school renovations are needed to keep school viable & safe
These are very basic needs; we need these renovations to fulfill our mission
Maintaining & expanding school brings Christ to our children
Vikki: Keep all safe; brighten our interiors (much more natural light & good lighting); bring more joy to parish; Keith: Parish would stabilize or even grow w young families & older families would be committed to a parish for life-all of which helps faith of people
we could make things more available to parishioners
We need a sound & beautiful church bldg; we need a firm school foundation & pleasant environment for children to receive a Catholic educ - these contribute to sanctity of parishioners
We need to keep parish moving forward to help keep it viable & cost efficient; It's apparent the parish is spending too much \$ on maintenance in lieu of capital improvements
We need to keep property of St. Louis modern & vibrant. The completion of this project would [help] St. Louis in its mission to save souls
What goals? Q1 says needs, benefit, mission...
What is our 'mission'? Please define so [this] question can be answered
Will draw more people to church as presentation will be great; costs will be cut down on energy especially & accidents will be avoided especially on roof status
Will guarantee these investments are sustainable
Will keep parish community vibrant
Wm: Ensures we'll have a place of worship; Kath: Achieving these goals would indeed give witness to our belief in Real Presence
You can't increase efficiency in unsafe environments

Question 3. Have we forgotten anything? Would you add anything to proposed plans?

<p>* a nice parish room for parishioners would be nice; McClunn Hall is beat & bathrooms are filthy</p>
<p>* Need 2 dedicated rooms for Montessori Atrium for ages 6-9 & 9-12; (An Anglican church has this for their CCD & the children LOVE to come.)</p>
<p>1. choir loft seating, lighting, & sound; 2. symmetrical Altar ramps for handicapped access</p>
<p>1. Don't move/renovate Altar, it's fine the way it is; it's not needed; 2. Disagree the parking lot is 'at end of useful life'; if anything, it just needs a ["z"] overlay</p>
<p>1. PA system in church IMPORTANT; 2. New windows for school</p>
<p>A Pre-school would be very welcome - no other Catholic pre-schools in Alexandria; kids must go to protestant pre-school if Christian school wanted; bathrooms very important & large cry room</p>
<p>A. How 'bout removing things from project? Why does Altar area need revamp? It serves purpose well as is. There is no structural benefit in changing it. B. School: upgrade intercom syst; Make St. Louis "WIFI" area; add more computers for facility/student use.</p>
<p>A. Schedule/plan for determining/publishing priorities; B. Outline of fund-raising/bldg schedules - "5-yr" plan is generic.</p>
<p>Add trees// Extra Note on bottom of survey: Father wondered how original parishioners built the facilities. Am pretty sure they did not hire a fundraising consultant. They probably just asked for funds and relied on parishioners generosity & Holy Spirit. I don't like the fundraising consultant idea.</p>
<p>Add? No. I am less impressed w importance of meditation garden (church grounds & interior are quite lovely, & we have an adoration chapel) or moving Tabernacle</p>

Audio system needs to be improved for hearing impaired members; only place present system works well, eg, hearing of what is said, is cry room. Why? The room is only ~ 8ft high; main church is ~ 35' (It's a big barn); what needs to be done: 1. lower speakers; place along sides of church plus assisted hearing system installed for hearing impaired members [2] t; 2. Pews area (to determine specific needs of congregation questionnaire needs to be generated)

Barb: Thank you for forging this massive renovation process; Gerald: Based on 5yr pledge will more \$ be req'd to be contributed in earlier years or evenly contributed over entire 5yrs? What happens to projects if \$ (contributions) has not come in?

Better to subtract unnecessary items

Bldgs need to be structurally sound & safe for all, including handicapped

Bridal Room where bridal party can gather before wedding-can be used for funerals also; more skylights in church; better acoustics in church; more meeting rooms for fellowship

Campaign for spiritual revival

Consider repair vice total replacement-based on cost-benefit analysis (life-cycle costs)

Dale: What about Walsh Hall?; Trina: Keep public listing of priorities of projects on board outside church

Diana: Would be helpful in proposing if you suggest priorities but allow [the] committees may determine else wise; Keith: Sound system improvements (although I would list this as more discretionary)

don't forget school's needs

Energy-efficient windows for school & church

Establish reserve fund for future maintenance issues

Expanding the vestibule is bit excessive; restroom renovation is important; Beyond necessary maintenance, beautification & re-orienting Sanctuary to Roman Rite, done properly, is highest priority

Fields behind school could use improvement; drainage issue on soccer field

Frank: Priority scheme: arrange work & projects in [order] to set of conceptual priorities ,something like: 1. Bldg integrity; 2. Personal safety; 3. Code compliance if mandatory; 4. Energy trade offs-[analyze] [repaired] improvements, windows, roofs, HVAC, cost of energy; 5. Beautification; i.e., elaborate Tabernacle Altar; 6. Convenience; ie restrooms

Hiring consultant costs a lot; What are the alternative for this preliminary process?

How will we be informed as this moves forward? Will we still have Mass as usual?

I did not hear about choir stand; would like choir to be sitting w congregation instead of sitting out of sight

I need to study this better to answer properly

I think renovation/additions to vestibule are unnecessary. It's not necessary for the congregation to see choir. Renovating small former church is a good idea. I brought two non-Catholic neighbors to an informational meeting and I was embarrassed that the interior was, frankly, shabby.

If replacing windows in church, would recommend replacing them w stained glass windows

Jean: Would subtract...

Ken: Forget store, it should have a cost to operate; it incites theft, & would likely also include outside costs such as electricity, maintenance, insurance. Consider alternatively, extending a retails corner in the rectory.

Many of the problems are items we as a parish know as 'known expenses' ; 30 yrs ago when roof was replaced, the parish knew it was going to be replaced w a 30yr est.

Most important renovations: 1. Roof; 2. Windows; 3. Lighting; 4. At least one more bathroom; 5. Structural damages affecting school

Moving cry room to front of church (possibly in one of wings); more improvements to school-better restrooms (school needs more updating given its age)

Must think on it. Ideas presented very much needed; "just do it"

Need a time frame w "pert" chart & time estimates

Need more missals in pews

Need to finish projects already underway/never completed; ie teachers' restroom which will also meet student/parish needs for disabled. Are you considering the timing for asking for contributions? Many are struggling already to meet family needs, including tuition for Catholic education.

Need to have delineated/prioritized "list of requirements/costs", the cost for [each project born] by whom; would like to be on the committee

Need to incorporate 'green' design or LEED (Leadership in Energy, Environmental Design) elements; Look at [usgbe.org] for LEED in existing bldgs; Would like to see more environmentally responsible design (solar panels, green insulation, low VOL paints) elements in plans/designs; Can we not get a loan? I am sure parish can pay for it over the course of say, 15-30 years...

New architect for Altar w new MODERN design solutions in harmony w our church; not a renaissance church in Italy/St. Peter's; design needs to be considered

New PA system; Make accessibility a priority

New rug in Walsh Hall - it's a hazard; Do we really want more restrooms in church?

New sound system (Please!) for the church, McClunn Hall, etc.

no

No

No

no

NO gift shop; Meditation garden is nice idea; If have enough \$, bleachers & acoustics would be nice

No handouts at focus meeting; success is helped by knowledge

no, very thorough

No. Our view is that several proposed improvements are not necessary (see Q6)

No; looks very complete

no; think there is already too much as the 'wish' list

Not at present; you have done a good job of putting together a meaningful list for church & school. We may consider expanding church book store. It is set up ver nice & many people want & enjoy buying Christian books. However, church book store is hard to access & not well publicized.

I can not find this name on the spreadsheet; however, when I entered the names, it automatically filled in with Walter & Angela, and this survey IS signed by a Walter... but I still don't see under which name...

Nothing forgotten-too many extras listed to make me comfortable in giving. I'm not confident of absolute necessities for all bldgs; i.e., roof, foundation, windows, McClun & School baths, will be met first. I understand need to collect to one campaign, but I truly think priorities must be designated immediately.

Nothing to add except any [required] maintenance still needed. Delete ALL niceities & non-essentials

Outside lighting to campus-very dark [teacher] parking lot& back area--open to liability w children leaving school; school windows; windows in [classrooms]; give cost estimate for each individual project.

PA system upgrade

Parking lot doesn't drain well; winter ice melts, refreezes; needs drainage work rather than just resurfaces

Please address needs & be aware committees tend to slow process of any project due to too many opinions & lack of agreement. You can't steer a ship by committee!

Please document these needs and publish in bulletin so everyone knows what is req'd w/t attending Focus Group

Please replace sidewalk & [curse?] especially on school for they are a hazard; special playground need; no fencing or take down some as hazard to children

Please replace walking [surface?] in front [right] of church; Sidewalk is crumbling & is one most used by handicapped

Present renderings of Altar mod have no relationship to mid-century modern architectural integrity; Design is antithesis of respectful integration of excellence of present historical architectural example existing in bldg structure w the Altar; Proposed design more in keeping w a neo-classical bldg

Realizing we have just built an adoration chapel, it would be very nice to have a chapel w/n church bldg; present chapel is small & isolated & not as conducive as it might be to adoration of Bless Sacrament; either wing of church, left or right of Altar, could be easily, inexpensively enclosed w minimal impact on seating capacity (church is never nearly full); furnishings in current chapel could be recycled

Retreats! Greater [time] in contemplative, non-distractive prayer & communion w Christ our Lord & God would be very great

Rosary garden & Way of the Cross; better sound system in church & McClunn Hall

Ross: Carpeting in church; New monitors/video camera for those in choir loft; Lisa: Are older bldgs in good shape ? (The Atrium & Adoration Chapel)

Sounds like most improvements are necessary

Space for active charitable activities

Strongly hope the Altar will not only house the Tabernacle but will be a beautiful surrounding for God, to lift the mind and heart to Him; important to accomodate Tridentine Mass.

Structure priorities around previously identified code issues; starting w most dangerous code violation

suggest standing seam roof for durability and longevity

Tabernacle could remain where it is & that money applied to beam & roof which is essential !

The econ down turn is real & significant for many parishioners; do necessary, not optional, or you will find fundraising phase has disappointing results. As we replace needed systems; eg, heating, look to more energy efficient new systems. Some timelines; eg, replace all floors in 20 yrs, might be nice, but not necessary.

Think these are key areas which need to be addressed

Use Arlington Air Conditioning/Heating for work of these needs; they have been very good for work at our house

Vikki: Just better lighting (natural & artificial); Keith: Much attention must be given to energy efficiency in lighting & HVAC as well as construction. Provide for handicapped/older priests in rectory & access to Altar. Make training room a preferred alternative for young ones. Added note: drop ceiling in McClunn; handicap lift for priests

Was invited to protestant church & was impressed how they use media inside church & it enhances bible mission

We think that a capital campaign should be executed for extraordinary needs-such as beautification of sanctuary on a grander scale according to classical lines; all items proposed today seem necessary; could be argued that expanding vestibule or putting in new sound system are unnecessary, but we think bathroom, cry room & acoustic situations are pretty bad.

What is your estimated start-up time for this project finance campaign drive ?

When adding new Tabernacle, please do not cover up the glorious stain-glassed window behind Altar

When process began, no one knew we'd be entering mjr econ recession-now a reality. Suspect difficult to raise \$7-9M in short time. Has there been thought made to prioritize projects in case total can't be met?

Where will worship be held when Tabernacle replacement starts, especially when Altar needs to be removed & replaced ?

Why haven't we sent our design needs out for addressing in a contemporary design competition? Our contemporary church deserves looking at a contemporary liturgical solution (for ex. Tom Kerns, Group Architects)? Which firm did '89 design? Diocese point man for recommending that firm - Wythe

Wm: Meeting space - from where ?

Wm: A list should be developed and prioritized; the presented list looks more like wish list

would like to see statues of Mary & Joseph put back on front side Altars & statue of Mary be Our Lady of Fatima, Miraculous Medal or Lourdes, then put St. Louis statue on side (Lft or Rt) & Guadalupe on the other

You need a NEW school, not renovate old one

Question 4.

A capital campaign requires many volunteers with varying responsibilities for its successful completion. Would you consider supporting a capital campaign?

	YES		NO		NEED MORE
INFORMATION					
Financially?	101	Financially?	16	27	Need Info
Volunteer Time?	68	Volunteer Time?	30	48	Need Info

Question 5.

Who would you suggest for leadership roles to ensure the success of a capital campaign?

Would recommend solicitation of volunteers w financial, program or project mgmnt experience; able to prioritize based on parish feedback
Whoever can accomplish mission
Who is/are the structural & mechanical, plumbing, electrical engineer (professional) contacted?
When Fr. [Jracki-?] was here during last fund raiser, ~1990, he used a very successful team; can't recall name, but they made it fun & meaningful. believe it was private grp in area; am sure church records will have name, assuming still in business.
Vikki: Engineers & architects (parishioners & others w structural engineering backgrounds & good financial sense); Keith: uncertain
Use as many volunteer management, trade skills to do work.
Too unfamiliar w parish membership to make recom
The tradesmen of parish should review proposed plans
The Cavenders
Someone who is knowledgeable/experienced in the process
Someone in parish who has great deal of magnetism & personality to get people to open pocketbooks! I'm too new to know well; perhaps someone in K of C or working at school?
School principal/rep; business community: Rich Fanelli
Russ & Yvonne Horner-he is great leader; she's great w \$
Ross: new to parish; Lisa: we are new; don't yet know who to suggest

Richard Effler (choir) 36 yrs; architect/US Dept. Navy; also value engineer; projects were all over world; also worked w St. Thomas More in renovating old multi-purpose room to create new gym and bell tower
Richard Bowman; Frank Hopke (Contractor), Fanelli
Regular accountability progress briefs
R. Bowman if up to it, or someone else who is good at moving procrastinators
Plant Manager should be involved as he knows first hand the structures' problems
People who are committed to all aspects of Parish, not just Church-focused; not just school-focused
People holding those types of jobs in the real world who are familiar w this type of role
Patrick Geary
Pastor; finance committee; Fanelli; [Lawless?] - people who have been part of things in past
Not me; am willing to serve in smaller, supporting role
Not familiar enough w parishioners to make recommendations
Not familiar enough w parish to make recommendation but the Anderson's seem to be more than competent
No suggestions
Need parish construction committee advised by professional construction manager to estimate \$ to develop realistic budget, assist contractor selection (RFP, contract writing) & oversee construction
Nathan/Karen Lucas; Chris/Angela Bouquet; Keith Bea
Maximum participation
Make sure items dealing w school go thru principal
Knights of C fundraising assistance for church; Tom Balint. For renovations/improvements; Noreen Gilmore-fundraising & outreach to students & [church]

Ken: Mr. Rob Peterson's job is to negotiate contracts. Please include him (703) 768.4134. KEN: Mr. Rob Peterson, I believe his profession allows him to judge prof contracts

K of C; school parents

Jean: ADM [admiral Stan?] Szenborski; Also, many other military members, current & retired, have valuable experience accomplishing projects

I would recommend people that have good leadership skills. Don't want to waste time of those involved if not run properly

Hire general contractor to handle all aspects of project; I work for Park Woodworking-Commercial contractor & have experience & leads to complete project safely & properly; set up committee

Gretchen Raber & Ann Klunder-Design Committee

fund-raising programs; seek benefactors from other parishes or diocese; encourage financial pledges from parishioners

Fr. Staples & church council members

Fr. Staples

Don't know

don't know

Dick Bowman; Jim McCracken; Marvin Spychaj

Dick Bowman

Diana: PR: Roseanne Scott & husband Jack; Navy Engineer: John Crimmins & wife Monica (real estate); [Dr.] John Bruno; John Coyle[john coyle not listed, but may be son of those listed?]; MaryAnn & Keith "Buzz" Fay; Keith: Marvin Spychaj; Dick Bowman

Depends on committees names/responsibilities, but recommend subject matter experts in committee focus, plus previous experience in running such committees.

Can we do work in phases w 1st priority projects in phase I?

anyone determined & dedicated enough to follow thru & achieve ultimate goal

An outsider, not parishioner. Lot of decisions will need to be made & some will not be happy w final decision; That would be an unfair position to put a parishioner in.

Address this campaign at start & end of Mass

A capital campaign is not necessary! Will Bishop be instituting a new 'rooted in faith 5yr campaign? This will conflict w proposed capital campaign.

??; I'm too old at 83+ yrs

*Richard Ess - he is a VA-licensed P.E. specializing in structures

Question 6.

My hope for Saint Louis Catholic Church is:

* to beautify sanctuary & make more traditional
1. Choir loft more safe; 2. seating more conducive to promote better seating & sound; 3. Lighting in loft - glare-hard to put up w; 4. Pew, seating (best of old pews) in choir loft-allows choir to slide aside to make room for more people; w built-in music holders to set out music (also slider-continuous surface); 5. Symmetrical Altar ramps for handicapped access
A parish on fire for the faith
A realistic budget addressing items that are truly needed; \$ should not be spent for renovations that don't directly contribute to extending life of parish
All bldgs structurally sound
Be a great place for gathering & worship; Beauty is not priority as much as safety & comfort
Commitment/dedication to Jesus Christ & success of campaign; results bring people closer to God
Communications w priests & us
Con'td great reputation for reverence; parishioner investment; stay conservative/unlike Good Sheppard
Cont to thrive/grow; am thrilled Rectory had work done; our Parish priests/staff deserve best!
Cont'd providing place & services for prayer, priests & worship of Jesus Christ that is structurally sound & functional for a long period of time (50yrs), including school & Chapel
Continuation of existing programs
Continue as is - seems to be operating very well
Continue its commitment to spiritual needs of parish (education - adult & thru school; sacrament of penance, etc.)
Continued success
Continues to be fine parish it is; serving all races, all economic levels, & all nationalities
Create a more reflective & holy space for parishioners to grow in holiness
Design/original intent preserved & not overlooked; everyone has a vote in new proposed designs

Diana: That this be opportunity for bldg [confraternity?] & improving communication; that there be equal measures of prayer and planning; Keith: That we are welcoming & position all for growth while being prudent stewards of our resources
Educate youth; inspire adult population
Emphasis on comprehensive catechesis & apologetical instruction for young and old; everyone to know & live true faith
For my daughters to be married here; For spouse & I to serve here throughout our lives.
Gerald: That we retain original design of church, particularly Altar. I support structural repairs, but not redesign of church; its beauty is based on simplicity, which enhances our ability to concentrate on praying & meditating, & not distracted by "museum beauty" of church/Altar
Ginny: 1. increase in # of parishioners; 2. Cont'd sound priestly leadership; 3. cont'd efforts to be welcoming church for all; Wm: A vibrant parish of true Catholics
Good & improved physical plant
Good stewardship/maintenance of existing resources/facilities that meet practical needs of parish/school
Greater sense of community, which seems missing; fear is is just that parish is too large
Holiness; peace; growth
I hope St. Louis continues to be a welcoming parish for many Catholics in our area; we love Fr. Staples & we hope this project succeeds
Improve Parish facilities: roof, foundation, bathrooms
In drive to repair/improve facility, implore committee members to consider a design revision
Include many cultures; bring back all people who have left St. Louis Parish & currently registered at Good Shepherd
increase in membership & increase outreach; safety & increased participations; diocese compliance
It continues to serve the needs of the people & community furthering God's Kingdom
Jean: Clear, honest communication in a timely manner
Keep if from falling apart-literally!
KEN: Spend \$ smartly; to prevent redo of any project due to poor planning

Like getting my info & communication on internet e-mail, so you have that set up now?
More outreach to its parishioners thru senior outreach & helping the parish needy - for this we need meeting rooms
Need to do projects affecting life/safety 1st (electrical, lighting, roof); then focus on school as a whole
Pat: Meet needs of all current & future parishioners; Una: Bring Christ to the world
Preserve & maintain inherent historical architectural importance of St. Louis church by drastically scaling back the proposed narthex and Altar plans
Preserve what we have now; Prioritize projects; Establish financial
Prioritize most important needed work & go from there
Rebld new school; it is considered very elite & good school & we should plan for future growth & upgrades
Remain a center for salvation of souls
Remain a strong, faith-filled Parish; be conducive to prayerful worship experience; improvements be long-term investments.
Repairs & renovations can be done w/t too much of financial burden on parishioners in tough econ times
Rosary Garden & Way of the Cross in back of church & play ground
Ross: Takes long-term view; makes this campaign a priority; prepares for new springtime of faith; Lisa: to be safe, warm, welcoming parish w all the great stuff already going on; Sanctuary DOES appear old, cold, & worn; doesn't feel like it matches personality of parish
Safe & comfortable environment for school children; Priority for church: 1. Safety; 2. Sound; 3. Beauty
safe & secure place for worship & education
Safe place to worship & learn first
Safe, comfortable, holy church and school
school improvements-have visited many schools throughout region thru CYO basketball & St. Louis school is almost embarrassing compared to these
Sound structural updates based upon needs first.
Strong spiritual parish & growth
Succeed all the way up & complete project

that basic needs are taken care of before any extras; structural
That families from school attend Mass here, not Good Sheppard
that grows to serve all parishioners & becomes a center for spiritual life; Also, that helps community members w financial or other needs
That it remain fully capable to support spiritual & sacramental needs of its current parishioners & also able to attract substantial #s of new parishioners & support them thru facility, lay people, & good priests
That it remains best parish in North VA.
That many who go to Mass elsewhere will be visible again on Sundays; spirit of St. Louis needs to be revitalized.
That St. Louis realizes bad econ times will affect parishioners financial spt
That the maintenance needs of all bldgs will be met, but overall that people will give more to offertory so we don't have to have a capital campaign simply to meet maintenance needs (tithing!)
That we become more 'green' or LEED-compliant in design
that we can bring back all parishioners who now attend other parishes in the area
The continuation of wonderful emphasis on Sacraments such as daily confession; would love to see wider availability to Tridentine Mass; Grateful for perpetual adoration chapel
To achieve its goals & keep growing in reaching the people
To address safety, health, security, & spiritual needs of changing demographic needs to come
To be here for our grandchildren/great-grandchildren
to be successful in its pledge & [remodeling] of everything
To fix necessities of church & concentrate on many necessities of school bldg. Additions & new bldg have to be at bottom of list for me to give \$
To foster involvement of young to middle-age parishioners
to gain more members & win more souls for Christ
To grow in Spirit & Love & get as many volunteers as possible for all projects
To grow over time
To grow to provide more good; services,& education to Parish

To have successful campaign to achieve our mission for our parishioners & to attract more members
To keep going & be welcoming to new members; keeping God in our lives
to leave church in good repair for next generation
To remain a good holy Catholic parish & for parishioners to help & stick together
To take care of necessities before any 'make pretty', 'make pretty' - replace church carpet; meditation garden; Don't over-secure w cameras, I like not being so 'watched' while in the church.
to upgrade the mission
Vikki: Much more joy; to accompany wonderful sense of reverence we now have; light & sound are major components of surroundings; Keith: That it will become a more cheerful parish that attracts & keeps families & remain a spiritually sound parish. It should be very active in Rte. 1 community.
We develop a long range financial plan for pastor; we need to develop a projection of future growth
we have a safe, warm place for people to worship & learn; it's imperative parishioners are able to hear mass.
Will get some \$ from Bishop & maybe establish a long-term capital maintenance fund
Wm: We will have for future generations; Kath: We will continue to grow in holiness thru facilities that reflect our beliefs - our faith will speak loudly again as it did when originally built

Question 7.

Do you have any additional comments regarding the proposed vision?

Barb: Necessary-as w any facility, & \$ needs to be spent to keep school, church, grounds, rectory in acceptable state of repair. Gerald: additional notes-he may have asked these during focus group: Security system - towers vs armed guards or cameras? Then what?
* Pews are VERY comfortable & NOT having cushions that kids spill stuff all over is nice
[note: Reply to this question was added to Q3, as it is a continuation of that discussion...
[note: Is this person daughter of Gretchen Raber ? If so, may be registered under that family..]
Altar looks fine
Anna: Seems off to a good start; Additional notes: restroom size is adequate; children room is noisy; sounds [reverberate]; A larger room w space [availability] probably won't help. Welcome children in church w children's' room for extreme problems; garden can wait; Frank: PA system is adequate, just boost volume a bit; Much needs to be done; need not stay locked in to \$7M
Any issues that can comprise safety/security of either parishioners or students MUST be addressed first!
Bad thing for this; people loosing jobs; \$ raised must stay in Parish
Be frugal
Believe Parish needs to put more rigor behind selection & prioritization of campaign projects; we owe this to our fellow parish members
Believe perhaps taking work in phases w 1st phase being those projects offering most urgent & [negotiation] on cost, given econ times, be it on labor or products, followed by those projects offering least [negotiation] on cost
Can have sections of construction that can be pledged by individuals, families, or parish groups; e.g., windows or pews
Catholic education of our children is vital; church bldg is very important but I hope considerable effort goes toward improving the school infrastructure; I see grounds & security as lower priorities for parish

Church able to find \$ for Chapel & build quickly w/t parishioner input into priority. Wonder if priority already placed on projects & this is mere process. I question because no mission statement developed for facilities-not mission of Parish...
Correct structural problems first; roof, foundations, windows
Curious as to why smaller amounts of \$ have not been used over years toward upkeep - seems like nothing has been done over the years
Diana: Need to explain how these projects help us fulfill parish mission; Keith: Critical we focus on essential projects 1st & proceed to less essential ones only then- list priorities
Do what needs to be done repair-wise first, then Altar
Don't Church collections go toward Church & School Maintenance?
Don't go w cheapest contractor or materials if we'll regret it in long run.
Don't like gift shop at back of church; seems like waste of space/money & reminds me of the \$ changers; Is the security system a necessity?
Each proposed change/update should be thoroughly analyzed RE risks/scheduling. Parish communication of plan is a concern.
Ensure good contractors are hired; do background checks so replaced/fixed things are done the way they are supposed to be done
Fix safety concerns 1st; Update facilities 2nd; "want list" last
Hi priority: structural needs; school bathrooms, & furnace. Low priority: move Tabernacle; meditation garden; landscape; McClun Hall renovations. [what sort of contingency is in \$7M? - this question may have been answered...it's a note on bottom of page...]
hopefully school needs will be addressed before any cosmetic updates are done to church or rectory
How far into the pews would the new restroom, etc go?
How will we prioritize projects, given the econ situation? Plan of the Campaign?
I approve & support this project & thanks for the effort.
I have over 30 yrs commercial construction experience & can do consulting due to physical injuries

I hope all projects get completed (at some time) & that God will watch over everyone who volunteers & helps complete them.

I need more time

I understand est cost for rec'd repairs/renovations is ~ \$7M. If amortized over 5yrs, a fund profile of \$1.4M/yr is req'd. This presumes accurate estimate. How accurate is the est: +/- 10, 20, 30%? What rate of inflation is assumed over the 5 years? With present state of economy, which econs postulate will only begin to recover at end of this yr, or not until, worse case, 2013..it is naive to think this funding profile achievable. A profile of 1/2 this amt: (\$700K/yr) will be difficult, but may be possible. Only viable/achievable alternative is to initially limit the list of repairs/renovs to only those items absolutely necessary to assure structural integrity/safety of plant in near term, eg; roof; HVAC; pew replace; drainage; window casement fix, etc. List could then be prioritized & accurate cost est obtained, & realistic/achievable fund profile proposed over whatever time frame is req'd.

In tough econ times; meditation garden is wish, not necessity

Include as many people as possible to encourage them to be part of process;
Need to spend requested \$ wisely & out of necessity

Incorporate green infrastructure concepts into design, for instance, use more natural light, do storm-water & low-impact design elements like storm water retention, etc. Added remark: In presentation, call the \$7M amount [a] budgetary estimate;, not construction est - this must be clear.

Jean: Believe thru my experiences as mother of 8, that expansion of cry room is not only unnecessary, but is a bad idea. If parish desires a cry room, it should be moved back up front where it used to be; There are many older [scouts], both BSA & GS [boy/girl scouts], who are looking for projects-many landscaping projects in parish have already been completed this way

Just do the major things first

KEN: In econ market, 'must do' is important; beautification for aesthetics not important... Added question: Could the beams over the Altar be repaired from the outside when roof is replaced; i.e., remove roof, use cranes to repair beams w/t moving the entire Altar / subsurface/floor, etc.?

Leave optional issues- repaving, meditation garden- to a later date; if security hasn't been problem, don't add new systems that require maintenance; additional notes: Would like to understand better how competition process is done among possible contractors. How are actual choices made? By whom?

Like to see a prioritized list of projects based on methodology factors; e.g., safety, life-cycle costs

Maintenance is a first priority

Make it fun & involve entire parish via weekly Sunday masses w plans, progress notes & keep asking for \$; don't let up!! Do just like Combined Fed Campaign - w established goals & progress updates

Moving Tabernacle should be high priority. Instead of a capital campaign, has any thought been given to asking parishioners to increase their tithe?

My priority is for church first then school; Would also recommend a regular 2nd collection be held for repairs; eg, 1st weekend of the month

Need licensed, certified structural engineer to assess requirements & present proposal; Safety compliance needs must be addressed; oppose changes to church interior at this time; Diocese should participate in funding; Suggest parish develop a maintenance plan

Need more info on what was to be done to get good support from parishioners

Need new sound system in both church & McClunn Hall

Need prioritization of must haves vs nice to haves included w Question 1; doesn't look like all is 'must do'

No

No

none

Not at this time

Notes on survey: windows; {beam} move Altar; How many restrooms?

Only do necessary repairs; Tabernacle can be moved/Altar fixed-not necessarily totally changed.
Parents of school are a tremendous resource & would be true 'work horses' if they felt there wasn't a 'truly perceived' division between rectory & school [note: she did not sign her survey... ? Wants to be known?]
Parish financial planning
Pauline: Approach Bishop for % of cost; Ron: remove skylights (church) not needed in first place; Priority: roof; windows; pews; restrooms-church; sound system; update school
Phase work & "recycle" the committees; Structural work first-like [laminated] columns w rot (probably water) at ground level (church)
Please do not replace the Altar; builder of Altar & pulpit is a parishioner & is Wm/Eliz Keenan; We have volunteered/raised \$ for this Parish in the past; we need to be aware this is not best of times to raise much \$
Please ensure good drainage to feet away from all bldgs for storm drains; currently lacking on all bldgs!!!
Prioritize, i.e., essential repairs vs nice to have; What is the cost of the capital campaign consultant? Need some classrooms for continuing adult education
Questions asked during Focus Group Session: 1. Historical Bldg if >50yrs, are we eligible for historic landmark?; 2. Will working groups start & rubber stamp concepts presented today?; 3. Are there any funds already committed in areas to address roof maintenance?; 4. Will there be feedback available after these initial FGrs? Will there be a BLOG/something on-line?
Ross: Bld vision & priorities & plans for renovations; get parish buy in & prayer commitments; move out quickly on urgent tasks (roof, school foundation, etc.); Lisa: I like proposed extension of Narthex; think carpet ought to be a warmer color (ie dark plum to go w darkest part of marble)
Sanctuary changes need to support Traditional Latin Mass; Should be process of assessment in place to adjust project; i.e., may be a point where we find it more cost effective to bld new school

Sanctuary does NOT need modification; meditation garden is not req'd; accessibility mods are not req'd; develop long range plan for maintenance items & fund w parish funds

Save \$ where possible by spending less on consultants; rely more on volunteers

Structural Beam: needs structural engineer examine & assess condition & provide recommendation for repair vs replace; Tabernacle does not need to be changed-use \$ for real needs; must have assessment of all "needs"; those needs must be established by safety, security; Added notes: Need to address "sinking funds" for items that need scheduled replacement, ie roofs (25-30 yrs), furnace, water heaters, etc.

Structural issues are priority; school is 2nd most important; I'm product of poorly run, maintained private & Catholic schools that cost parents lots of \$. Kids need to walk into a bright, clean, happy place to learn.

Structural repairs should be made as needed; new fixtures should be low priority-the style of the church is fine the way it is

structural, anything that involves safety of all of us

Thank you for time already invested in this important work

Thank you-Thank you-Thank you! We love this Parish; will support whatever choices are made.

The Altar doesn't need to be re-done except for Tabernacle move. Altar is beautiful now & no \$ needs to be spent on it. Hanging crosses make me nervous - like the one in the proposed plan...

The church is central priority for parish's spiritual well being; church must be attended to first

The sooner the better

Think "needs" should be addressed first, not wants; don't think sanctuary should be renovated or Tabernacle moved; fix roof, beam & accessibility & restrooms

Too ambitious; overwhelming... ought to be broken down into increments; Need more disabled parking spaces for weekend masses, particularly the vigil mass

Vikki: Will undoubtedly be very expensive. How many families do we currently have to support this undertaking (How many envelopes?) Are we losing young families and becoming an aging parish? I sense this but it may just be my view; Keith: I oppose any giftshop in church; do not want one on church grounds, but will accept one outside church bldg

We are military family & don't plan, or want, to be here for 5 yrs; will be moving in 2010 latest; will not be able to financially support project to end, but will pray for success

We don't see need for a) expanded cry room; b) gift shop, c) significant expansion of restrooms (minor expansion probably needed); d) larger vestibule would be nice for several reasons, but not critical - church has been fine for years w one we have; e) Gym/McClunn Hall ceiling is probably needed, but not priority; f) McClunn Hall improvements related to having space for storage behind side walls & improving look of side walks also low priority; g) prayer garden is a nice touch - not priority

What about Usher Room in back of church?

What about Walsh Hall ? Campus is choc-a-bloc and unless it is being preserved for historical purposes, is there any thought to razing or renovating it? I don't think we need the space; additional notes: Has there been a change in school enrollment? If enrollment is declining, \$ to school should be distributed accordingly

What went wrong w pews? Surely they should last for more than 20 years?

Will be interested in priority listing

Will support financially & perhaps in other ways

Wm: Need more info RE how demographics of parish match w expectations. How much is consultant costing Parish? What is their guarantee of success? Kath: all I heard in focus mtg needs to be done; we will come together in prayer to achieve goals

Yes-list components of budget, individual projects & then base parish priorities on these [?]

Questions and Comments from Focus Meetings

Q Are you saying that the beams weren't repaired before?

C I am concerned about the altar placement for the Tridentine mass - current placement is too close to edge.

Q How much extra money will it take to move the tabernacle? ("moving the tabernacle is silly")

Q Do you propose taking out the skylights or leaving them in?

Q Are they really considering changing out all the pews? Does that make sense if they were just replaced in the 80's?

C Kneelers are too close to the pew.

Q Can we arrange it for the most essential work to be done first?

Q You spoke of poor quality on prior work, how can we be sure that the new work has better quality?

Q Did we have fraudulent or improper business in the last build?

Q Regarding the 5 year financial plan - will the work also be spread over the 5 years?

Q Did I hear about putting a second story on the school?

Q The money that was raised - why does it cost so much?

Q Is nothing factored in for a multi-purpose room (other than McClunn) for funeral receptions, parish use, etc.?

Q I am a long-term parishioner - are we getting a new P.A. system in the church?

Q Will there be new windows in the school? (they are dingy)

Q Where will we attend Mass while the altar is pulled out?

C I wish you luck. You picked the worst time in 70 years to do this. I will be praying for you.

Q Why don't we have a handout for this?

C Thank you for your presentation. We need to see the choir during the service.

Q The company that is helping for the feasibility study - is it just doing feasibility or is it an architectural firm?

Q Who came up with the renderings?

Q Earlier discussion mentioned - regarding windows, ceilings, etc. -- "We should also look at the cost of energy loss vs. benefits

Q When we talk about the school, are we talking about renovating or building new?

Q You mentioned that we need to prioritize with current economics, (school needs vs. church building) how will you prioritize these changes?

Q When will the prioritization list happen?

Q To renovate the parking lot, what are your intentions? (i.e resurface or completely new)

Q The pledge is a 5 year pledge - do you want it (the money) equally over the 5 year period or more up front?

Q How will the money / funding timeline affect the projects?

Q A year ago, we had Town Hall meetings...we were told the budget needs...was anything done with that proposal / was anything acted on?

Where and when are we in the process? When will we see a priority list? The concern
Q is that cosmetic changes not come before structural changes. Will our money go for the essential needs of the school?

Q When will these committees start? When will the committees end?

Q Are these estimates all encompassing? Is every line item thing that we need/want on the list, or will there be more details?

Q Is there a way to break it up? (i.e. money for needs versus money for wants?)

C The numbers for the church are different (needs / wants). For example, the pews a lesser need than the structural needs. Want the finance needs (i.e. church needs

Q What is the most important thing to be done in the church?

Q Is the beam (above the altar) structurally weak?

C The baldacchino beam isn't structural. (general confusion over which "beam above the altar" is being discussed.

Q If we found a benefactor to write a check for the whole \$7M (or even \$3.5M) would it end this campaign?

Q So, we are looking at raising \$7M over 5 years - that seems like a long time. These seem like "quick fixes". Why wouldn't we look at replacing instead of maintaining?

Q Some people are talking about line item donations - is that possible or is there a general donation fund?

C The way I view it, I would donate to the capital campaign - I see us all as one parish (school, church, etc). We need a more unified frame of mind about this between the church and the school.

Q How will you put in a meditation garden since the ground is just straight downhill ?

C "I cannot imagine a worse time to come up with this idea since the economy is so bad. Two days ago I got a solicitation for the bishop's Lenten Appeal, yesterday for Catholic Charities. Do you think that people have extra money to spend on frills?"

Q How will the parishioners be informed of the choices made and progress made on projects undertaken?

Q "What is your company name?"

Q "Who hired you and how much (*money*) are you getting?"

Q "What process will be used to get Diocesan approval?"

Q "Who selected the designs, because they aren't in the style of our church?"

How much will we get from the 5 year diocesan Campaign (20% supposed to go back to parishes)? We spent most on the middle school. A few hundred thousand (*dollars*) still expected.

Q Why wasn't the tabernacle moved previously?

C 20 years ago families spent money to move it (*tabernacle*) from center to side. Will we be talking about the same thing again in another 20 years?

Q Will the new arrangement allow for the Tridentine Mass?

Q Is there any money available from the diocese?

Q How do we ensure that reliable work is done? (i.e. avoid another bad roofing company)

Q Does the parish want our contributions over 5 year period?

Concern regarding that money is spent judiciously ("hopes that decision making is done for the best" , concerns about things being done to make the buildings "look nice", money is tight for everybody

Q Where do we put our priorities on the questionnaire?

Q What is the parish mission - to spread the word of God or to fix buildings? (especially regarding wording form the questionnaire)

Q Has the money (previously collected for the tabernacle project) declined / stayed the same / or grown with the economy?

C She likes the sanctuary as it is and thinks that the project is a "large waste of money". She can "see moving the tabernacle, but thinks that changing the rest is unnecessary".

C Wants to see a line by line, itemized cost of each project.

C Reiterates request for line item cost of projects.

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C Expressed concern with definition of "necessities". ("carpet (in church) is dirty, but workable)

Q Is there going to be 1 committee or multiple committees. Also asked if people can be on multiple committees. "Fr. Staples said that there would be 5 Sundays of these meetings, will they all be the same content?"

C Suggests "broad stroke" information regarding the costs of projects.

C "You haven't given us the information we need to prioritize. "No way to prioritize either with cost info or not"

C "It is unnecessary to change the front of the church....we are on ground level...you can easily push a wheelchair to the church..." The gift shop is unnecessary.

C You did a good job for this overview.

C "You should focus on the church." She feels "weird" about the security cameras.

C "You did a great job today." It may be helpful if there is a cordless microphone for the Q & A session.

C "I think that everyone wants the best because we love our parish."

Q Any \$ from the Diocese? RE: need to find out if Bishop has \$... within next 5 yrs

Q Who owns deed to parish? If we are responsible then we should own... we give \$ to diocese we should be able to get those \$

C Have a parish fund to deal w our needs; make plea to Bishop

building only good for 'x' amount of time; need long range planning; need to have
C real needs identified; there are current econ concerns; NEED structural engineer to give us the REAL picture

Q Who is the guy who makes the decision? RE: Fr. Staples/Committees/w approval from diocese chancery and parish council

Q Parish has period of time to address problems ? Is there issues with timing on non-compliant things? RE: no consequences from County, etc. right now...

Q How will contract be done? Each individual detail ? RE: By specialty; not one overarching contract

Q How funded? Any grants? RE: Parishioners

C Need rough estimate of what needs to get done by facility

Q Is wiring dangerous? RE: It's been patched and is OK, but needs total re-do

Some contractors say beams OK; some say don't hold church services; who do you
C believe ? Problem is projects get listed; funded, but then there's no follow thru; things don't get done

C There is no briefing hand out; nothing on web site; no formal report/news came out to parishioners about needs to be done... Tom has had engineer review list of needs...

What is wrong w structural beam? Tom explained need to remove platform/Altar in
Q order to fix this roof-supporting beam... we rehab'd the sanctuary in '99; roof contractor out of business-did not use correct shingles, nails, etc.

Q A general contractor was mentioned... who is ours? we don't have one; need to hire one; Washington monument firm did review needs, but ?structural engineer?

C Tabernacle can be moved w \$ we already have; however, we have other issues to fix at same time; In '89 we moved the Tabernacle to present location; Is this a parish decision to move it again?

Q We need contractor to give us an assessment with \$ applied to each issue; not a concept; where are we going?

C The questions are not 'right' on this survey; need perspective; if need maintenance, get those on the table...