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FUTURE OF OUR FAITH EXPANSION PROGRAM

The Future of Our Faith Expansion Program is continuing in anticipation of our groundbreaking in the early spring of 2011.

This is our Expansion Program Prayer, which we will recite at the weekend Masses throughout the pledge drive. We ask that you say this prayer daily at home as well:

Loving Father, we place into Your hands St Joseph Parish. We trust that it is only in You that we find our peace. As we look to the future, we ask You to lead us, protect us, and make us holy. We ask that You guide our hands as we seek to build for Your glory. May we do Your work, not ours; seek Your glory; not ours. As we begin the Future of Our Faith Expansion Program, we ask that You continue spiritually building St Joseph Parish into a house of holiness and prayer, so that all who enter here may know You, love You, and serve You here, so we can be with You forever in heaven.

St Joseph, our patron and protector, you used your hands as a carpenter, to build for God's glory. We ask that you guide our hands as we too seek to build for His glory.

Amen

Although the holiday season is quickly approaching, we want to keep you updated on the status of the Future of Our Faith Expansion Program. The Christmas Mass Schedule and New Year's Day Mass Schedule are enclosed so you can plan your holiday activities accordingly.

Subject to town and Diocesan approval and financing, and the ability to pay for this project, the proposed hall addition includes the following:

- Adoration Chapel
- Father Von's Office
- Pastoral Assistant/ Religious Education Coordinator shared office
- Parish Secretary Office
- Four meeting rooms
- Additional storage areas
- Music practice/ audio-visual room
- Youth Group meeting and activity room
- First floor consisting of approximately 5,930 square feet (the current church and social hall are about 14,000 square feet total)
- Unfinished second floor
- Kitchen expansion and renovation

THE ADDITION

We hope that the addition will meet our parish needs for the next generation. The expansion, as mentioned in previous mailings, is long overdue. The committees have worked hard in planning for the future of our faith at St Joseph Parish. The communities that we serve: Raymond, Epping, Brentwood, Nottingham, Fremont and beyond, will be proud to consider St Joseph their spiritual home of holiness and prayer.

In early 2011, the full architectural plans and building specifications will be sent out for bidding through the construction manager. We will pray for guidance as we seek and review the competitive quotes from the contractors.

RECTORY

The rectory will have approximately 3,100 square feet of living space. The plans include 3 bedrooms, 3 ½ baths, and a 2 car attached garage. There is a chapel on the second floor.

With the increased work load on the Pastor, a third bedroom suite was included in the rectory design to possibly assist a retired priest with a residence. In doing so, it could lighten the burden of retired housing for the clergy, and may provide a part-time assistant to the Pastor. The remaining guest bedroom would be available for guest speakers, etc.

We anticipate the construction cost of the rectory to be minimized due to parish bequests, savings, and the eventual sale of the existing rectory. We will not be able to sell the current rectory until both the construction of the rectory and the addition is completed. You may recall that the parish offices are currently in the rectory. The upcoming fundraising program, therefore, will essentially be devoted to pay for the addition construction costs at the church.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The total cost should not exceed \$1,628,000. The fundraising campaign goal is to raise \$1,200,000 in pledges payable over 36 months. The fundraising campaign will ask every family to make a sacrificial gift. The pledge campaign will consist of three components so everyone has an opportunity to be part of the Future of Our Faith Expansion Program. The options include a leadership solicitation, an in-pew solicitation and a personal or phone solicitation. More details will follow during December.

If you have the means to do so, and wish to make an advanced leadership pledge, or memorial donation, of at least \$10,000, payable up to 3 years, or other gifts e.g. property bequest, stock transfer, Please contact Fr Von DeRosia directly at 603-679-8805 to make the necessary arrangements.

In the near future you will begin receiving fundraising information on how the pledge campaign will work, as well as information on making your sacrificial pledge to the Future of Our Faith Expansion Campaign.

Please feel free to contact any committee member below if you have any questions or concerns,

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