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Dear Parishioners of Holy Spirit,

As you may be aware from recent communications, Holy Spirit Parish has been conducting a feasibility study to evaluate possibilities for facility expansion on our church campus. As this study is nearing completion, now is a good time to provide an update on its conclusions and planning considerations. In so doing, it will be helpful to first review background for the project:

- A Strategic Planning Team recently concluded a multi-year study and identified facility-related needs.
- Those needs are generally consistent with feedback obtained by our architects in focus interviews and in listening forums conducted by the Facilities Core Committee within the past few months.
- Identified needs were treated as priorities in the development of a Phase I design proposal with a \$1.2 million projected budget. The plan is to use a combination of money raised by a capital campaign and parish assets to meet that budget.
- Key design features are multi-purpose rooms for PSR and adult education and other meetings and activities, a new lobby, social hall extension, handicap-access rest rooms and upgrades to existing and relocation of administrative office space currently occupied by the preschool. (The PSR need has become more crucial with our loss of the Uniontown School rental this Fall.)
- Other identified priorities such as an enlarged kitchen and athletic space as well as a new narthex entrance and restroom, additional finished multi-purpose rooms, improved administrative area and site improvements are not within the projected budget but have been included in a Master Plan for future phases.

The enclosed Phase I and Master Plan have been approved by Parish Council and included here for your review.

A little over 30 years ago, Holy Spirit Parish concluded its last major building project -- our current worship sanctuary, day chapel, narthex and social hall, connected to our original smaller building. Phase I of the proposed construction will be the next step in our growth and commitment to the important missions of education and fellowship. It provides for the future of the parish with emphasis on our youth during their most formative years. The Master Plan anticipates further growth in the years ahead.

There will be short update presentations during each of the masses this coming weekend, as well as opportunities to speak with members of the Core Committee. You may contact members -- listed below -- or myself, with any questions:

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We're counting on your support and your prayers for this project. God bless you and your family in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Sincerely,



Father John Zapp
Pastor