



Holy Spirit

Dear Holy Spirit Community,

To better serve our community and fulfill our mission to Love God, Serve Others, and Grow Disciples, I formed a Building Committee several months ago. The Committee, with the assistance of professionals, took on three tasks; the development of a master plan, the gathering of parishioners' input, and the conducting of a feasibility study. A Master Plan is a long-term vision that shapes the future of our campus, guiding construction, renovations, and land use to support our mission. When gathering input from parishioners on how the future of Holy Spirit campus could evolve, we identified key areas for potential growth, expansion, and innovation. The feasibility study was conducted to determine the level of support of the parishioners. Based on this feedback, the three major areas of need emerged: the need for an expanded Parish Hall, a renovated and expanded Childhood Development Center, and expansion of school space.

Parishioners' input confirmed that our Parish Hall and meeting spaces are insufficient to support the breadth of our ministries. We are unable to provide spaces for essential activities such as a youth ministry, small group meetings, evangelization efforts, church events, funeral luncheons, Knights of Columbus meals, children's ministry, sacramental celebrations, the Educational Foundation Auction, student gatherings, community events, and retreats. Without the proper space, we are limited in our ability to fully carry out the work we are called to do.

The Childhood Development Center is essential to the growth and success of our school and, consequently, our Parish. However, the current space has reached its capacity and can no longer meet the needs of our growing community. To fully support our mission to Love God, Serve Others, and Grow Disciples, a major renovation and redesign of this space is required.

As the largest school in the Diocese, the school's classroom space and evolving needs must be addressed. We recognize the importance of clearly communicating the school's growth plan, and the school board will be sharing a comprehensive plan with the Parish soon.

The committee is currently working closely with our architect and construction partners as we process additional iterations of the master plan to accommodate our needs to be good stewards of our financial resources. Construction is costly, and we are collectively working hard to stay within our proposed fundraising goals. The committee is dedicated to making thoughtful, cost-effective, and impactful decisions to ensure the success of this project.

Thank you for your participation throughout this entire process; we are excited about the path ahead. We deeply appreciate your patience as we continue to make decisions that will ensure the success of this project and benefit our community. We kindly ask that you keep the building committee and the project in your prayers as we move forward. For more information regarding this project, please visit our website <https://www.hsparish.org/study/>.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark

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