



In my column of February 8, 2009, I provided an update on the work of the Church Exploratory Committee. To refresh your memory, the following points were covered:

- The Architectural Feasibility Study demonstrated that the difference in cost for a renovated/expanded church and a new church were minimal. (I reiterate my offer to meet with any individual parishioner or parish group who wishes to see the details of this study.)
- Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council recommended it is good stewardship to examine further the possibility of a new church.
- Next steps were two-fold: 1) a Philanthropic Feasibility Study must be done to consult with and determine level of support among parishioners; and 2) a complete set of architectural renderings need to be completed for review by parishioners during the feasibility study.
- Federico Associates was retained to do the Philanthropic Feasibility Study and Cassacio Architects began developing the architectural renderings with the committee.

The architectural renderings will be completed by the last week in April and the Philanthropic Feasibility Study will be held during the first week of May. Federico Associates is a highly regarded consulting firm based in Chester County and is committed to serving parishes like our own and has served more than 600 clients during the past twenty-five years.

This Feasibility Study will provide us with the information to determine support for building a new church as well as the data necessary to plan for and implement a successful capital campaign. I realize these are difficult economic times but this doesn't mean we stop planning for the future. We may plan now and act later depending upon the results of the study. During the course of the Study, confidential interviews will be conducted with a representative group of our parishioners who will be asked to share their perceptions of Saint Joseph Parish. You are invited to submit your name to the parish office if you wish to be considered.

May all we do in this process be for the greater honor and glory of God!

God Bless You All!

Monsignor Lynn

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