

My Dear Parishioners, Friends & Benefactors:

I am pleased to announce the positive feedback toward our recent parish Planning Study, and want to say “thank you” to all those who took the time to respond. The Trustees, Parish Staff and I value your input and with your continued active participation we will use the results to plan for the future of our parish.

The first purpose of the study was to determine the extent of support for the renovation and repairs to the roof and supporting structure of the Church of the Immaculate Conception; and to make improvements to the Parish Office and Faith Formation Center located in the former St. Joachim School Building as well as making the Centennial Hall located in the lower level of the St. Joachim Church building accessible to all persons, especially those with disabilities providing better access to parish programming for all our parishioners, as well as the larger civic and church community through better utilization of the building space. Total cost of the project is in excess of \$2.8 million.

The second purpose was to determine the potential for a fundraising campaign helping to meet the needs of The Parish Community of Our Lady of the Angels. To date we have accomplished a great deal with very little thanks to your generous stewardship. I am pleased to announce that His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bishop John M. Smith continues to offer positive feedback for the sacrificial efforts undertaken by our community.

Input was sought in a variety of ways, including one-on-one interviews, focus groups and a general parish-wide survey, mailed to every Our Lady of the Angels’ registered households.

I have included a sample of the survey questions and responses in this insert. As indicated, a majority of parishioners reacted favorably to the case statement of need. Their main concern/observation was “*How can we get it all done at once?*”

The majority indicated that they would consider giving to a capital campaign to the best of their ability. I believe that with continued dialogue and information, the level of support will continue to increase.

Trinity Consultants, who conducted the study, suggest that the results of the Planning Study indicate that despite the economic downturn, our parish remains in an excellent position to conduct a Capital Campaign to address our needs. We are in the process of devising a final plan that will allow our parish to move forward. With your help, and the help of many in our parish, I am confident we can meet the challenge ahead and continue to make The Parish Community Our Lady of the Angels a vibrant parish and a spirit-filled community of faith and service.

Peace,

Reverend Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee
Pastor