

# Comments and Questions from Town Hall Meeting January 16, 2017 Addressed

Dear Parish Family,

At the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting we said we would address all the questions that we didn't get to that night. We would like to thank you for all your comments. They were all recorded and added to items to be considered as the process moves forward. It is too early in the process to address some of the specific suggestions that were made.

**If the mezzanine is deferred, how long would the parish center be out of use, if the mezzanine is built at a later date?** *Ideally this could be done primarily over the summer minimizing the impact and not losing the use of the center.*

**Traffic flow is no better with the new church! Why?** *Traffic Flow – the New Church option would allow the new entry to move south of the existing entry by 100 feet or so. This would allow stacking space for the primary processional cars to be further from the school entry and aligned with a North/South orientation. Secondary vehicles would be lined up double stacked facing west south of the current handicapped spaces away from in front of the school.*

**How many church's rears face the main road?**

**Church Orientation:**

*An important topic of discussion for sure and as we go forward a topic that will certainly be given it's due:*

*A well-designed worship space would be one that does not have a "front" or "back" but rather is a piece of Architecture that is meaningful, reflects, reinforces and celebrates the sense of the Sacred and the significance and importance of liturgy's various parts occurring within the structure requiring thoughtful exterior response and expression on all sides.*

*Liturgy is the heart and apex of Christian life, thus we feel it should serve to unify the community being an integral part of the daily life. With this basic premise in mind we have initially considered the placement of the Narthex (entry) in the direction of the parish life, the school and Ministry Center. Welcoming and integrating with all aspects of daily life to its sanctuary from the south east.*

- That being said we feel that outward recognition and witness of our faith and place in the community are part of the mission of the parish thus we thought this is a great opportunity to allow the Church to be a beacon of faith to the community as we raise its roof and perimeter to the Northwest emphasizing the presence of the altar and tabernacle as a witness to the community.*
- A few practical items.....entry to southeast affords morning light on the entry and if carefully executed the altar this orientation also avoids northwest winter winds towards the entry.....*

*Parking is contiguous allowing flexible use of the whole parking lot for all diverse parish uses.*

**Can we consider program space for aftercare (70 students, 3hrs/day)?** *There are several multipurpose spaces that might be considered for aftercare, but this specific need will be addressed.*

**Who will be MEPFP engineer?** *It is too early in the process for this type of consideration.*

I'm still concerned about parish input. 4,000 families-only 100 people at this meeting. How will you get more people involved? We are currently planning how to disseminate the information parishioners need to make a decision on what plan they prefer and then how they can respond with their comments.

Could we do construction in phases as we have the money? At the meeting it was stated that we could proceed with the phases of the project as financing became available.

Basically, how do we avoid becoming like St. Mary Immaculate? We are Holy Family because of our people. It won't be the building that defines us, but the people and our culture that define us.

Why is there now an emphasis on how "holy" the church looks? Why did that change? What's wrong w/spiritual aspects of the current church?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says "...the nature and beauty of the place and all its furnishings should foster devotion and express visually the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there." The message was and always will be important, that never changes no matter what changes are made with our worship space.

What's wrong with using current large gym 4 worship? There are many parishioners that stayed away from HF during its gym-celebrated Mass time and returned when the current church was completed. Using the gym requires set up and take down every week and will be hard on the new floor.

Is our church REALLY over-crowded? It may seem that several of our Masses are not currently overcrowded, but we need to look forward to the future, also. The neighboring villages are currently projecting continued growth in our area and the prospect of this becoming a church with only one resident priest in the future may mean cutting our Mass schedule down to fewer Masses which means a need to accommodate more people at each Mass.

Is our school REALLY over-crowded? The village is requiring the parish to eliminate the mobile unit we now employ as a library and giving special classes their own spaces would allow all the homerooms to be used only as classrooms. New bathrooms for preschoolers are needed to meet current building requirements.

Where is the funding 4 plans coming from? Does diocese donate 50% costs?

The Diocese does not provide funding for new buildings.

Will there be bathrooms accessible just for the gym that are separate from the school? Yes, new facilities on the west side of the gym south of the new lockers. Why aren't we building another set of bathrooms on the east side of the school? This is now under consideration. If it takes a while or the building doesn't happen are we going to update/make improvements to bathrooms/classrooms while we're waiting? The current bathroom situation is being looked into.