



GROWING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE UNITED IN THE EUCHARIST

New Facilities: August 2020 Update

My Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish community. Many of you have asked about the effect of the current COVID-related restrictions on our future plans. So, let me update you on our efforts to grow in the grace of the Eucharist as we move forward to build a new church and associated facilities.

I established a New Facilities Committee in May 2019 to jump-start efforts to secure our future as we continue to grow as a parish. In its first year the committee:

- reviewed and updated previous efforts begun under Father John Durbin;
- communicated with the parish on our vision for growth;
- surveyed parishioners as to their preferences;
- interviewed architects;
- visited and communicated with parishes who recently built new churches in our diocese to establish a baseline and to benchmark against their efforts.

We also decided on a **phased approach** to our expansion that will allow us to work within fiscal realities to meet our needs near-term while allowing for expansion in the long-term.

Since our last update, and through this period of COVID-19 restrictions, the committee has continued its work. On June 10, 2020 we met remotely with Diocesan representatives to update them on our current status, review our financial posture and propose next steps. Our consensus view is that the Diocese was very happy with our efforts to-date and encouraged us to move forward. Subsequently, the Diocese approved our **plans to develop a new site plan for the future church, as well as office space and classroom expansion**. Following the development and approval of that site plan, we expect the Diocese to approve our request to develop architectural schematics of the proposed facilities.

We hope to have the site plan and schematics available for parishioners to view once we come together at Hampstead again in the fall. At that point we will provide you with a more detailed assessment of our way ahead.

Thank you so very much for your support to date and **your amazing stewardship**, in giving of your time, talent and treasure to thank God for what He provides to us all. I am proud to shepherd such a vibrant faith community of Catholic Christians, and I'm excited about what God has in store for us as we grow in the grace of the Eucharist together.

With every good wish and blessings,

Msgr Joseph

Prayerful Planning
*Unless the Lord builds
the house, they labor
in vain who build.*
Psalm 127:1

