

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

I hope many of you have taken time to look at the *revised layout* of the Sacred Heart Campus Master Plan in the Church narthex. It's an exciting time for our parish and school to be looking towards the future and defining our *priorities*.

The Master Plan Steering Committee has chosen to put the emphasis on the *priority of Safety and Security*. That means the first steps in completing the Master Plan will be:

1. Putting the School Administration offices at the entrance of the School and remodeling the current administration area into new classrooms.
2. Moving the two upper level classes now in the Parish Center back over into the School building and finding room for a science lab and art classes.
3. Demolishing the old out-of-date Convent (built in 1952), and developing a part of the Parish Center wing and old garages into a modern up-to-date two-level Pastoral Services and Administration Building to safeguard parish records and the on-going parish services necessary for *all* parish operations.
4. Keeping the school safe after hours by developing the current Gym into a self-contained facility, with restrooms, new entrance and exit, better flooring, etc., to eliminate the need to go into other parts of the school, and accommodate a better sports program.

The *second set of priorities* centers on our *changing demographics* and the on-going need for an elevator into the church, an adoration chapel for quiet worship and prayer, and a new parish hall (a multi-purpose building).

Our Carpe Diem Group has developed so wonderfully the last couple of years, and their activities, as well as adult faith formation and children's faith formation classes, have definitely proven the need for a larger space to accommodate between 150 to 225 participants.

The *third set of priorities* involves a *new* Gymnasium and an Outdoor Covered Play area east of the Middle School wing. It will contain restrooms and bleachers and a portion of that building will house a Maintenance area for supplies and equipment for Parish and School operations. We're also hoping funds allow us to renovate the grass soccer field.

Along with all the priorities is the need to enhance the flow or movement around the campus to accommodate pedestrians and autos safely. The campus entrances and exits will continue to be studied over the next couple of years as the Master Plan is executed. The very best traffic flow will be determined as we see the new plans lived out, and as our architects work with the city engineers and what the city codes will allow.

Please continue to pray for our parish and school needs.

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