

Observations and Recommendations

The Parish Committee has toiled diligently not only to identify its needs but also to consider remedies to the constraints posed by the site, parking, access and lastly a linear building structure that has inherent limitations to adapt easily to changing needs of the Parish Community. The Diocesan Committee appreciates the effort and diligence of the Pastor, the Parish Committees and architects in this respect.

The Diocesan Committee is not convinced that the Parish Community has found an attainable solution in Sketch 7 and while the creativity and cleverness of the design is appreciated, the DBC finds the design proposals for the interior and new narthex incongruous with the basic structure and architecture which in essence is difficult to change. The costs to attain these adaptations to a dated design approach the cost to build an entirely new complex.

The Diocesan Committee admires the fervour of the pledge campaign but is not convinced it is attainable as a sole, realistic or reliable source of funds to achieve the objectives. Assuming that some part of the project will require financing, the flip side of attainability is sustainability, and no budget has yet been presented to demonstrate that the parish could afford the project on a cash flow basis.

It is recommended:

1. That the Parish Committee re-visit its goals with a view to a more modest set of objectives.
2. That the Parish recognize and work within the constraints of the current structure.
3. That in the context of cost and attainability, the Parish consider development of a master plan for all components of the church complex and development of a staging plan based on relative priorities.
4. That the current hall be brought into the equation as a possible resource for some of the improvements contemplated for the Parish.