



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER AND FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, we have committed to a thorough review of the financial feasibility of expanding our parish worship area and other related projects. The recent data collection effort has just concluded through the leadership of Ruotolo Associates and we would like to share what we've learned from that study and the steps we are going to take to keep you informed on various key topics.

The feasibility study was a very successful process. St Catherine's has 650 total families **registered** to our parish. Approximately 360 families are **active** in weekly mass attendance. An overwhelming 296 families (82%) participated in either an interview, a focus group or responded to the written survey (web/online or paper copy). We are extremely proud and grateful for that level of participation. Responses showed that people truly enjoy parish life and are sincerely grateful for all the great work conducted by our ministries. "*St. Catherine's is like a family*" was a recurring comment throughout the study. Our plan is to communicate the following to you:

- *A complete review of the results of the first campaign from 2000, including:*
 - *Explanations of the circumstances which required changes to the original plan*
 - *How the moneys collected were utilized and decisions made*
 - *What assets we now hold due to that effort*
- *Key findings for the current feasibility study including:*
 - *The perceived strengths and challenges our parish faces*
 - *The parish's ability/willingness to meet the needs for expansion and growth*

As a result, we are working to effectively communicate all this information to you. In the coming weeks, all of these issues will be addressed.

The following illustrates a few of the means we hope to use:

- A timeline of events dating back to the first campaign through the present time
- Details of the first campaign and future plans to address our pastoral needs for parish growth.
- An FAQ document to address questions heard in the study.

This will be shared in a town-hall meeting setting. We are planning two dates in **March (Sat 3/8 at 5:30 PM and Sun 3/16 at noon. Both will be at the Parish Center.)** That forum will also allow for a moderated Q&A session with a panel comprised of Father Chester and key members of the planning committees.

Select communications will be available on the Parish Website (<http://www.scoschurch.org/>).

We recognize that the sharing of this information is paramount to the future success of our parish and owe it to everyone to show all details of this journey which we have been on since 1999.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Parish Steering Committee