

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Waterloo, IL
Architecture of Faith Committee
Status Report
October 2009

A status report on the work of the Architecture of Faith Committee (AFC) was presented to the Parish after each mass the week of October 3-4, 2009. This document is a summary of those presentations for the benefit of the many parishioners who did not attend those meetings. The complete presentation is available on the Sts. Peter and Paul website under the Archives tab.

- 1) The AFC has modified its focus as of June 2009. The new focus is on “identifying the current facility needs of the school and other functions associated with the church that are impacted by our facility deficits such as administration/governance, PSR, M&M and Holy Name (to name a few but not all). Options to address those needs will be made to the Parish community that are hopefully reflective of the Committee’s best thinking with respect to balancing today’s economic realities with our hopes and ideals.”
- 2) The AFC defined, as a starting point, three areas of emphasis with respect to immediate facility deficits on the current campus:
 - a. A building addition to take the place of the modular buildings
 - b. A building addition to add a meeting space for 25-30 people for Parish use and some minor office space.
 - c. General upgrade of the school exterior and surrounding grounds and school restrooms.
- 3) Holland Construction was asked to give a cost opinion for the identified work. The building addition to replace the modular buildings and add meeting space/offices was about \$2.1 million. The total project was about \$2.86 million.
- 4) In its August 2009 meeting the AFC recommended to the Parish Finance and Pastoral Council the following:
 - a. The Parish should pursue a project on the existing site to fix the immediate needs of School/Parish (mainly the modular buildings and a small meeting space/offices). The scope of the project would initially be what was contained in the cost opinion but the scope may change as we get more specific about the project.
 - b. The Parish should keep the land that was purchased so that we do not eliminate our options for the future.
 - c. The Parish should explore methods to use the funds remaining from the initial Capital Campaign for this project without violating the intent of any donor.
 - d. Development of a new school on the new site will be re-evaluated at a future date depending upon circumstances such as the economy, enrollment and growth in the community.

The Finance and Pastoral Council accepted the AFC recommendation.

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- 5) In September 2009 representatives of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish meet with the Diocese to update the Diocese on our building plans. The Diocese suggested we communicate our plans in writing.
- 6) The AFC is currently working on three issues:
 - a. A communication to the Diocese
 - b. The best method to assess the sentiment of the Parish for the project that has been proposed and the Parish's willingness to financially support such a project.
 - c. A more specific plan for a building addition/renovation using the defined scope and cost opinion as the starting point.

The Committee would welcome any member of the Parish that is interested in joining the group. Please contact the Parish office if you have an interest.