



ASPIRE
A St. Agnes Parish Renovation Investment Effort

To: St. Agnes Congregation
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Introduction and Progress:

St. Agnes Congregation is currently involved in a parish project entitled 'ASPIRE'. This acronym stands for 'A St. Agnes Parish Investment & Renovation Effort'.

The Parish Council was approached in June 2005 to begin exploring the building and grounds needs for the parish. The objective was to make St. Agnes a more desirable and welcoming church by strengthening and building:

- Stewardship.
- Evangelization.
- Religious Education.
- Community outreach.

The existing church was constructed in 1974 and has not undergone any major renovations or expansions to date. After a series of discussions and presentations, the Parish Council and Finance Council approved in October 2005 Phase 1 of ASPIRE - Needs Assessment.

A needs assessment was conducted from January through April 2006. A core team was formed with parishioners. During this period, over 200 parishioner contacts were made. These contacts consisted of phone calls, one on one conversations and emails. The results showed over 90% positive comments and reinforcement that a project to renovate and expand the church was endorsed.

A summary of the needs assessment were presented to the Parish Council and Finance Council in May 2006. The results were summarized into three categories:

- Prayer and Adoration – worship space, tabernacle, baptismal area
- Modernization – gathering space, parish center, youth center
- Maintenance – pews, HVAC, covered entrance, security

The Parish Council and Finance Council approved in July 2006, starting ASPIRE Phase 2 – Conceptual Design. A Church Planning Team was formed with 14 parishioners, including both parish trustees and parish council president. The conceptual design phase consists of programming, conceptual designs, schematic drawings, initial budgets and feasibility. A liturgical design consultant, Dennis Horbinski, was hired in October 2006. In January 2007, an Advisory Group was formed with 25 parishioners to begin reviewing design alternatives



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The ASPIRE Church Planning Team will continue its activities through May 2007. During this timeframe, a series of parish workshops regarding the Eucharist and baptism will be conducted. Parish wide meetings are planned and will be conducted to continue ongoing communications to the parish at-large. The goal is to have the programming, design and budget costs completed by the end of August 2007.

Finances and Budgets:

The ASPIRE Church Planning Team has been in discussions regarding the timing and desire to dove-tail 'Advancing The Mission' (ATM) fund raising with that of ASPIRE. Bentley Foster from RSI has been assigned to St. Agnes Parish. The ASPIRE team will be requesting some initial feasibility data to understand if a project of our size and scale will be possible with our parish demographics. St. Agnes Parish will be in the fund raising phase for 'Advancing The Mission' from September through December 2007. The Parish Council and Finance Council are in agreement that combining the fund raising efforts for both ATM and ASPIRE will be our approach.

No initial budget numbers have been created. The Parish Council has not discussed what the funding raising requirements will be before construction is started. It is conceivable that construction could start in spring 2008.

Upcoming dates:

The parishioners of St. Agnes Congregation are being asked to participate in two upcoming parish updates. All parishioners are encouraged to attend to learn more about ASPIRE. Please make note of the following dates:

Saturday March 10, 2007 from 9am to noon in church

Two workshops will be conducted to further explore our Eucharistic and baptismal needs and how they translate into our worship space needs.

Thursday April 19, 2007 from 7pm to 8:30pm in church

An all-parishioner meeting will be conducted to update the congregation on the ASPIRE project progress and to answer any questions.

Please feel free to contact anyone from the ASPIRE Church Planning Team with any questions or comments.

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