

New Church Update

By way of some background – in the early 2000 a new church building was designed and presented to the parish. Since that time the parish had been working with the Archdiocese and fund raising to get a new church built. The design had been presented to the Archdiocesan Building Committee (ABC). The design and initial approvals, pending fund raising, were obtained. In late 2015 we were informed that the original design was not going to be approved by the Archdiocese and we were given some direction as to what would be approved. In early 2016 we settled on a design base on a recently completed church in Mt Vernon. After the Architects renderings were completed we received tentative approval on the design.

Once we had the tentative approval we went out for estimated pricing. In March of 2016 we received a preliminary estimate, based on the new design, of approximately \$5,278,000 which with the additional cost put it well over our budget. After meeting with the contractor and architect we settled on a redesign which eliminated the second level which consisted of a choir loft and some meeting rooms. We still retained the meeting rooms in the basement.

Once the redesign was completed by the architect was requested another estimate. In late July we received the revised estimate of \$4,899,000. In discussing this latest estimate with the contractor, we have identified some additional revisions that may save an addition \$200,000. These revisions would primarily be eliminating entrance to the basement from the inside of the church and having that entrance directly to the basement area from the outside.

The next step will be meeting with the Archdiocesan Building Committee with the revised plans and estimate. That meeting has not yet been scheduled. We will also need to present our proposal to the Parish Revolving Fund, which is essentially the Archdiocesan bank for approval of a loan.

Once we have meet with the ABC we will report back to the parish.