

This is a brief update on the progress of the new church. Nothing has been reported recently because we have been on hold with the new design and the change in pastors.

This project was originally started in the mid 1990 by Fr. Jim Dalton. The concept was developed, Conceptual drawing and renderings completed, Archdiocesan Approval was obtained, and the first capital campaign launched. The campaign did not raise the required \$3 million needed for a budget of about \$4.5 million and the project was put on hold. The project was resurrected under Fr. Maurice just before he left and was continued by Fr. Thumbi. We had a goal of raising \$3 million with the capital campaign. We had over \$1 million from the first campaign and with the \$3 million goal and a \$1.5 million loan we had a budget of about \$6 Million. All of this included several meetings with the Archdiocesan Building Committee and the required approvals. All along we were using the original plans and concept which were approved. In mid-2015 we learned that the conceptual plans for the church were no longer approved. As with many organizations, the Archdiocese reflects the personality of its leaders. The Archbishop did not feel that the building as designed represented what he wanted in a church. We were asked to redesign the church and given several examples of churches to consider. The one that best fit our needs and space constraints was a new church being built in Mt Vernon.

We had the architect come up with a new design that fit our space needs. The new design is what you see in the Narthex. This was submitted to the Archdiocese and approved. The original design had a lower level with seating for between 750 and 825 people depending on the seating configuration. It also had a choir loft with additional meeting space and an unfinished basement with the potential for additional meeting space. Included were a bell tower and rooftop domes. We went to the contractor we had been working with and asked them to price out the new design. When we got back the information from the contractor the new design, with all of the fees and extras, was going to cost about \$8 million, \$2 million over our budget.

We started to look for ways to reduce those costs and get the new church back to the budget. The options that offered the most significant reductions were to reduce or eliminate the second level. That savings would be about \$1 million and allow us to partially finish the basement area to include restrooms, heat, and lighting. The contractor also suggested getting together with some of the major subcontractors to see what savings they might identify. After consulting with Fr. Okumu we decided to eliminate the second level. His feeling is that he would prefer to have everyone, including the organ and choir, on the same level as everyone else.

The next step, after the first of the year, will be to have the architect redraw the plans to eliminate the second level and look at some of the architectural elements to see if there are additional savings, and then meet with the contractor and major subcontractors to get their input. At that point we would need to go back to the Archdiocesan Building Committee for approval of the new design and budget. Once we get that approval we

can then have the complete plans and specifications drawn up for a contractor to either bid the job or negotiate a fixed price.

We will also need to go to the Parish Revolving Fund for approval of the long-term loan. They function as the Archdiocesan bank so that process would be like applying for any mortgage with a private lender. They want to be sure that we can repay the loan as the money being loaned comes from deposits made by our and other parishes in the Archdiocese. The PRF has set formulas on how much they will loan based on our operating expenses and offertory income.

There is no exact time frame for this process but the earliest we could break ground, assuming we get all of the necessary approvals, would probably be September or October. Part of this would be dictated by Lynnwood's permitting process and how much money we have collected of the Capital Campaign pledges since we need 50% of the costs on hand in cash before we can start building.