



May 19, 2017

Dear St. Mary Family,

It's time for a family meeting! As your father in faith, I need your help to make some important decisions. We are in the initial stages of evaluating the possibility of engaging in a capital campaign in the near future. The main purpose of this potential capital campaign would be a remodel of the sanctuary of the church.

There are many reasons that we have decided that it is time to have this discussion. Those reasons include:

- We will better glorify our Lord and Savior by beautifying the space and bringing it into conformity with the norms of sacred architecture for Catholic worship spaces.
- The current church building is aging (built circa 1962) and has developed many maintenance and repair issues. (I've recently heard it said by some of you that the use of our kneelers has become a good way to offer penance after confessing!)
- Our community has developed in some significant ways since the last capital campaign in 2001, which has created different kinds of demands on our facilities.

Steve Baker (Baker Architects, LLC) has been contracted to facilitate a series of six programming workshops (or you could call them Town Hall Meetings) beginning on May 31, 2017 (click here for dates and times). The result of these meetings will be a Programming Workshop Booklet that will contain all the information we have gathered, and could be used for schematic designs if we decide to pursue the next step. During that same timeframe, we will engage a fundraising partner to perform a feasibility study. We should be ready to make decisions about the future of our church home and be ready to present our plan to Archbishop Aquila in early August.

These workshops will be a great way for you to have a real impact on some key decision about how to improve our campus. You can give your input and listen to what others are thinking too. Please join me, my staff, and your fellow family members at these important meetings beginning on May 31, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Javier Nieva", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Fr. Javier Nieva, DCJM
Pastor

