



September 13, 2017

Re: Feasibility Study Results

Dear St. Mary Parish Family,

I wish to offer you special thanks for participating in the recent capital campaign planning study conducted at St. Mary. We received wonderful feedback that is extremely beneficial as we look to the future of our parish.

After gathering and analyzing data from the study, our consultants at the Steier Group reported their findings to the Pastoral Council, Advisory Building Committee and senior staff members on Sept. 7. The feedback did not surprise us. We face critical maintenance needs with some of our buildings, as most of you noted in the study, and there is a strong desire to see some improvements to our church building to conform with Archdiocesan guidelines. Further, you expressed hope for St. Mary to continue to provide space that is safe, comfortable and focused on the making a prayerful connection with God during Mass. As our mission statement reads: "We are a community centered in the Eucharist" and this should be the greatest goal of our Parish.

I'm excited to share with you that our parish is ready to step forward to address our limitations and improve our campus. In fact, the support for a major fundraising effort is significant:

- 67 percent of those surveyed favor a capital campaign at St. Mary
- 71 percent of respondents indicated they will make a commitment to address campaign needs
- Nearly 200 families self-identified as campaign volunteers

Based on the information above, the Steier Group recommended that St. Mary move forward with a capital campaign. Given the data presented, I am in full agreement and decided to proceed with the effort. Now begins the process of using this data to make final decisions about which projects we aim to accomplish and then securing approval from the Archdiocese of Denver in November. We will continue to keep you apprised of our efforts in the coming weeks and months. I know you share my passion for our Parish. To read the full Steier Group planning study report, visit <http://www.stmarylitleton.org/feasibility/>.

Once again, thank you for participating in this critical study for St. Mary Catholic Parish. Your input has been extremely beneficial and will help to ensure the success of our upcoming campaign. With the Lord guiding us and our parish, I have no doubt our efforts will be abundantly blessed.

In Christ,

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

Fr. Javier Nieva, DCJM
Pastor