

## **PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE**

The following is a preliminary report of the results of the recent parish questionnaire concerning the proposed multi-purpose facility, information relevant to the Archdiocesan “Dynamic Catholic Life” plan and the possibility of constructing a new Catholic elementary school on or near the Holy Spirit campus.

**General:** Total number of questionnaires returned: 204 out of 760 (26.8%)

### **Primary Uses for Multi-Purpose Facility (in order of highest priority)**

- Religious education for Pre-school to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Youth Gatherings
- Sunday and Church Event Nursery
- Large gatherings
- Religious education – Vacation Bible School
- Religious education for Middle School
- Religious education for High School
- Religious education for Adults
- Group/Organizational use
- Adult activities



### **Suggested Facilities in the Multi-Purpose Facility (in order of highest priority)**

- Classrooms to Accommodate 25 People
- Meeting Rooms to Accommodate 50 – 75 People
- All Meeting/Classrooms be wired for multi-media capabilities
- Additional restrooms
- Covered entry into the Multi-Purpose facility
- Youth Game Room/Meeting area

### **Archdiocesan “Dynamic Catholic Life” Plan**

- Need for additional opportunity for receiving Sacrament of reconciliation:
  - 75% of respondents indicated a high or moderate priority.
- Need for additional Advent and Lenten programs:
  - 80% of respondents indicated a high or moderate priority
- Priority for emphasis on children/youth programs focused on vocations:
  - 80% view as high or moderate priority
- Priority for emphasis on parish-wide focus on prayer for vocations:
  - 80% view as high or moderate priority

### **Financial Reports/Distribution of Reports**

- Adequacy of Financial Reports:
  - 75% agree reports are adequate
- Manner in which parish funds are allocated:
  - 75% agree with distribution

### **Acceptance of Various Racial and Ethnic Cultures at Holy Spirit**

- 85% indicated agreement

### **Preliminary Needs Assessment for a possible Elementary School at Holy Spirit**

- 66% agreed that a school would be beneficial
- 56% said they would not be willing to contribute financially in addition to regular tithes
- 55% of responders had one or more pre-school through elementary aged children
  - 57% indicated they would transfer children to a school at Holy Spirit
  - 43% would not
- 70% of those who would transfer their children indicated they would be willing to invest more in addition to tuition costs to guarantee the quality of Catholic education in the future.

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) and the Pastoral Council (PC) will provide a more detailed explanation and assessment of these findings in approximately 60 days. In the meantime, the LRPC will be recommending to Fr Troncale and the PC that a Building Committee be formed in August 2005 to begin the design and construction of the Multi-Purpose building by completing a Site Master Plan through an architect and the subsequent design of the building itself. We thank all of you who provided us both your input and comments by completing the survey.

Respectfully in His service,

Fr Charles Troncale  
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Chmn. Long Range Planning Committee