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Praised be Jesus Christ!

Dear St Peter Parishioners,

As you may know, we recently hired Betty Johnson & Associates to conduct a feasibility study to determine the opportunity for a capital campaign. The study has been completed and the results have been reported back to the parish leadership. I appreciate all of you that participated by providing your insight and ideas for our parish.

The following is a summary of what was learned:

- * 91% of the participants believed the projects were important to the future of St. Peter.
- * Strengths of parish included (listed in order): Father Curtis, the school, the community, young families, small size, and the programs/activities.
- * Concerns that may affect a capital campaign included (listed in order): we can do it! -it is doable, the Diocesan campaign, young families giving, fundraising fatigue, lack of transparency/communication, and not meeting our budget
- * 72 people volunteered or would consider volunteering by serving in a leadership or supportive role in the capital campaign.
- * 98% of the participants said they would give or would consider a gift to the capital campaign.
- * Advice to the leadership (listed in order) included: communicate/transparency, pray, excited-let's do it, don't forget the school needs, use parish contractors when possible, and create a master plan for the campus including a parish hall
- * The results of the feasibility study report indicated the parish has the ability to raise between \$2.25 to \$3.0 million through a capital campaign.

The leadership has voted to go forward with a capital campaign with the blessing of the Bishop and will begin working with the consultant to raise the funds for our Church renovation. They will also continue to work on the project details, utilizing the input from the feasibility study. A campaign committee will be recruited to assist the consultant and host parish meetings for updates on the project and the campaign. More information will be coming to you through the bulletin, pulpit announcements, website, and mailings as these committees meet and provide their time and talents to the parish.

This is a big project for our parish, but one that is important in many ways. Your prayers, your participation, and your support are greatly appreciated as we work together to make St. Peter a place for all to come and rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ through Mary,

Father Curtis Hecker