



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HAVE A QUESTION THAT WE HAVEN'T ANSWERED YET? JOIN US AT THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 15TH AT 9AM (BETWEEN THE 8AM AND 10AM MASS) FOR A LIVE PROJECT UPDATE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM ME?

- Pray for the cause. We will need spiritual support to sustain this ambitious undertaking. Pray for wisdom, perseverance, and generosity.
- Spread the word and get involved. Help us generate excitement for the huge impact this will have for our parish and the Faribault community.
- Make a gift or sacrificial pledge. This campaign will only be possible with your financial gifts.

HOW MUCH HAS BEEN PLEDGED?

- Please refer to the current thermometer board in the narthex. That will reflect the most current pledged amount.

HOW DO WE PLAN TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSES OVER THE PLEDGED AMOUNT?

- As the final project budget is finalized, we will determine the funding sources. These will include pledges from the capital campaign, additional requests for campaign commitments, likely debt financing, and possibly existing reserves.

DO WE HAVE THE FINAL COST OF THIS PROJECT?

- We are still in the process of getting final cost from the contractors. As of now, it is projected to cost just over \$10 million, however, much can change at this point.

WHO IS MANAGING THE PROJECT?

- We have established a strong group of volunteers along with church and school staff to oversee 4 primary areas of the project. The four committees are;
 - Construction Services
 - Development and Fundraising
 - Marketing and Communications
 - Project Finance

WILL YOU BE UPDATING PARISHONERS AND DONORS THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE?

- Yes, please watch the Bulletin, the DMCC Facebook page, website, or Flock Note emails.
- As we make progress, we will be communicating on all forums.
- We are also planning progress presentations with the first being May 15th. All parishioners are invited.

HAVE WE REQUESTED INPUT FROM ALL CHURCH AND SCHOOL GROUPS WHO WILL BE REGULAR USERS OF THE NEW BUILDING?

- Yes, we've met with many groups including CCW, Faith Formation, Knights of Columbus, Teachers, Church/School Staff, etc. for their input. We've then conveyed the needs of these groups to Pope Architects to keep these considerations in mind when designing the new building.

WHEN WILL WE SEE THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE BUILDING ALONG WITH THE COMPLETE LAYOUT?

- As of 4/1/22, we are in the design phase of the project and working closely with Pope Architects. We have a second draft of the preliminary drawing which is being used for budget purposes. Once the blueprints are finalized, we will post them for all to see.

WILL WE BE USING LOCAL COMPANIES FOR THIS PROJECT?

- Pope Architects, the architectural firm we've selected, is in St Paul.
- The primary construction management company will be MET-CON, a local company.
- Both Pope Architects and MET-CON will be opening bids to local subcontractors prior to and during the construction phase.

HOW WERE POPE ARCHITECTS AND MET-CON SELECTED?

- An interview process was conducted with potential architectural firms and contractors. Pope Architects and MET-CON were selected through this process.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR ARCHDIOCESAN APPROVAL?

- We are waiting for final bids from the General Contractor as of 4/1/22. Once we have that, we will submit the project to the Archdiocese for proxy approval. Due to the size of the project, it will also require approval from the Archdiocesan Finance Council.

WHAT IS A PROXY?

- The elements of this project (construction, dollar amount, financing) required approval of Divine Mercy's corporate board. The corporate board includes the Archbishop, Vicar General, Pastor and two lay trustees. The proxy provides the approval from the Archbishop and Vicar General.

WHEN WILL THE NEW BUILDING BE FINISHED?

- Currently, our goal is to have the new school ready to move in prior to the 2024 school year. Ideally, we could move in by mid-summer 2024 so we have plenty of time to set up classrooms etc. There are a lot of moving parts when undertaking such a large project and a lot of schedules need to be met for us to hit this goal.