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UPDATE

We hear from you...

Dear St. Hyacinth family,

Last week we asked you to tell us why you support building a new sanctuary. Some of you have already responded. Your words are below:

I have been a member of St. Hyacinth for more than 40 years. I was not here to build the current church, but I served on both committees building Guyot Hall and the education building. When the first murmurings of the possibility of building a new church reached my ears I was relieved. Serving on the parish finance council has made me acutely aware of the costs associated with maintaining a 50-year-old building. Now I, who love old buildings, realize 50 years is not really that old, however in terms of maintenance it is.

When the rain fills the gap between the outside walls and creates a waterfall into the church it is a problem. Do we shut the church down and tear the roof off and tear the wall apart? How much will that cost? When water pours in at the base of those same walls because the floor is 12 inches below grade do we attempt to raise the entire floor? What is the cost? The boiler which is located inside the mechanical room in the Narthex is 50 years old. If we have to replace it we have to bring it up to code which will entail housing it remotely from the church and other buildings. At what cost?

Each time we have done any remodeling in the original buildings, we have had to deal with asbestos abatement which is very costly. The pews need to be replaced. The last estimate I got 10 years ago was \$53,000 and that was repairing and refurbishing not replacing. I wonder what today's cost would be.

Throughout the diocese, many churches built in the fifties, sixties and seventies have had to be replaced because the maintenance costs got out of hand or they simply needed larger buildings.

The City Hall here in Deer Park is 50 years old and it is being replaced for the same reasons - maintenance costs.

The decision to build a new church at the direction of the Archdiocese did not come lightly. There were surveys and you told us that was what you wanted. We had many discussions. Many of you were given the opportunity to voice your opinion and some of you could not agree and we respect that. Those who almost always support this parish have done so, but there are so many who have not and we truly need you to be a part of this.

Massive repairs would be a terrible disruption and cost. Then we would hear "why did we spend so much money on repairs when we could have used the money to build a new church."

Please look deep into your heart, pray and ask for wise guidance to find a way to help fund this worthy project. Don't turn a deaf ear. God will always give you what you need and I believe He will give this parish what it needs. It is just a matter of time.

Margie Gulledge

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Building Faith,
Family & Future ...

our sanctuary ...
... our home.



"Beloved,
if God so loved
us, we also must
love one another."

- 1 John 4:11

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The Capital Campaign is indeed a big endeavor. But we have to see this as a project that God has blessed us with for the good of our church.

Our contribution, although not that much, is given out of love. We believe that the more we give the more we will receive.

In giving, we also receive a lot of blessings -- like good health and good friends and loving relatives and caring communities.

God always blesses the generous giver and HE loves the cheerful giver!

We can't thank God enough for all gifts and graces we have received.

With our Prayers...

Truly yours in Christ through Mary,

Virge and Jun Villamayor

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A lot of our income goes to nonessentials. But we knew when the church needed money, it was essential.

We need to build a new church.

Mike Donihoo

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Home is not where you are from. Home is where you belong.

Some of us travel our whole lives to find home. And we found it here, at St. Hyacinth.

We are happy to be part of the St. Hyacinth community.

Vasile and Margit Semac

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Jesus is the cornerstone for our Parish's foundation. The founding parishioners are the mortar that built our church. Our church has been a blessing to our community for over 50 years. But a new church is needed to service a community that has grown in leaps and bounds and continues to do so. It's time to add to the cornerstone and mortar for a bigger and stronger church.

We can't forever live in the present. We have to move forward and grow, just as our community has. We risk becoming ill-equipped to serve and spread God's Word and Love.

Raul and Belinda Turner

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We will continue to publish the reasons why you support **Our Sanctuary... Our Home** with your service and sacrifice.

Let your voice be heard.

Send an email to janjim@jtownsend.com. Or drop a note by the church office, or mail it to:

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Yours in Christ,

Jan and Jim Townsend, co-chairs