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Rebuilding a Church, Continuing a Mission - Committee Report

At its second meeting, the Church Restoration Committee identified a need to establish for all parishioners a firm foundation of the liturgical considerations essential for rebuilding a church. In that regard, the parish hosted a workshop on February 6, 2020, for all parishioners.

Directed by Reverend Thomas Dente, the Director of the RCAN Office of Divine Worship, the purpose of that presentation was to review the basic tenets of The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) and Built of Living Stones, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' document outlining fundamental considerations in church construction. Following that presentation, Father Dente, Father John and Committee Chair Frank Bivona responded to questions about the evening's program and rebuilding plans.

This was just the beginning of the parish education component of the rebuilding process. On April 2nd and 4th, 2020, Jim Hundt of Foresight Architects, the liturgical architect for the rebuilding process, conducted two virtual parish-wide workshops. The focus of these identical workshops was to explore ways in which the new church could communicate the parish's Mission Statement through its design. After showing several examples of how other churches had done the same, attendees were asked to complete a survey regarding this topic.

Over the course of April 20 & 21, 2020, Mr. Hundt met (virtually) with Fr. John, and a group of 30 parishioners to discuss the specific ministry needs of the parish.

Using a detailed questionnaire provided by the Architect, they discussed and documented the needs of the church in the areas of Worship, Music, Hospitality & other ministries. A wealth of information was gained from these discussions.

The results of the discussions thus far can be found in the Needs Assessment Report for Most Blessed Sacrament Parish as prepared by Foresight Architects. We encourage you to take the time to read the report by simply logging on to our website www.mostblessedsacrament.ws and clicking on the link located on our homepage.