



June 6, 2025

I write today to extend my appreciation to you and the more than 900 households who participated in our recent Master Planning Study.

After gathering and analyzing data from the study, representatives from the Steier Group – a Catholic fundraising and development firm – reported their findings to Saint Jude leadership on May 14, and again on May 30 to a larger group of parish lay leaders comprised of church, school, and preschool committees and councils. I am delighted to share that the study results indicate widespread support for Phase 1 of our Master Plan, with some specific projects testing stronger than others. In particular:

- Parishioners expressed broad support for creating more space for the needs of our growing congregation and modernizing essential church components such as restrooms!
- There was broad support for the construction of a columbarium on campus.
- Some of the other proposed church renovations, however, may need to be reconsidered based on our fundraising potential.
- Parishioners also indicated a desire to support the later phases of our Master Plan, specifically, those most impacting our two schools.
- 94% of respondents favor a capital campaign at this time.

Based on the information above, the Steier Group recommended that our parish move forward this year with a capital campaign. Parish leadership unanimously supported this recommendation, and we plan to spend the upcoming months preparing for a campaign to begin later this fall.

Once again, thank you for participating in this critical planning study, as well as the past studies to determine the most pressing needs of our beloved campus and spiritual home. Enclosed, please see a summary of the results.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family. And every blessing for safe travels if traveling this summer!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Joe".

Monsignor W. Joseph Corbett  
Pastor

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