



May 5, 2016

TO: **MaintainRenewImagine** Strategic Planning Team

RE: **UPDATE**

FR: Fr Ed

On Friday, May 6, S Mary Jo and I met with our architect, regarding the suggestions we made at our last meeting and reviewed the concerns expressed about the most recent full parish gathering.

We reflected with him on the importance of focusing attention on the worship space, making it, at the moment, our priority. We discussed the need for the altar to be the primary focus of the space. We also spent some time on the lighting concerns and on the ceiling beams—advantages and disadvantages. He will work on some possible designs/solutions and present them with computer generated renderings.

S Mary Jo and I will meet with him again on Wednesday, May 11 to review his work. Following that meeting we will schedule a time for the Planning Team to meet with him for further dialogue, input and recommendations.

When the team determines we are ready for a third full parish meeting we will schedule it. That gathering will be carefully designed to include (a) theological/liturgical input and reflection; (b) Carl's presentation of his renderings; (c) a designed process for discussion, questions, ideas and further input.

We provided him with two articles regarding worship space:

- (1) Reflection on the completed project at St. Mary's Helena by S. Mary Jo (each member has a copy of the article);
- (2) A recent article I wrote regarding the proposed Chapel at Carroll College (copy is attached).

I have delayed contacting Ken G. until after we have the next full parish meeting.

Thanks and Happy Ascension/Pentecost!