

Sacred Heart Information Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

7pm Meeting- 25 parishioners present

Fr. Ryan led prayer.

Introduction

- History of Sacred Heart. Need for church in this area.
- Facility Study- Look for future needs. Update Sacred Heart. No significant renovation since when it was built. Prepare church for next 30-40 years.
- LOA campaign funds are designated partially for the renovation of SH church, along with SP and Endowment.
- Planning phase requirement for Archdiocese. 4 steps necessary. We are currently in step 2.
- Studio io selected for their expertise in this age church.

Details shared:

- New statue in entry
- Baptismal font moved to the back of church. Pews will be cut away
- Stations of the cross added to the walls.
- New stained glass windows.
- Updating some of the lighting in the church. Linear flow to the altar, tabernacle table, mosaic on the backdrop
- New Presider chairs, devotional statues and candles,
- Sanctuary rail to distinguish the sanctuary from the church space
- Brocade pattern on the sides of the altar.
- Redo the crown above the altar.
- Stained glass above the altar.
- Speakers above doors will have new casing.
- Preserving the existing pews- they are good shape and are able to save money.
- Sanctuary lights and sound system will be replaced as well.
- Choir is planned to move to the back right side of the church.
- Choir area will be wheelchair accessible, all sound and technology will be able to be controlled from the choir area. Maintain the hearing loop system.
- General contractor is designed to be from the FDL area. Studio io will work with them.

Questions:

- Steven Victor- Believes that we need to be more charitable to other people and that many of people are hurting. Thinks that it is not necessary to spend 1.2 million- 1.5 million that it will not make a difference at Mass.
- People attend churches in Europe and they have not been updated. Why do we need to update?
- Changes with the renditions will add an a lot of spirituality and beauty and will encourage people to want to attend.
- Who earmarked the money? If people want to come to church only because it is pretty
- Value praying at St Mary and PBVM because of the design of the church. Would like to express the character here and the design is to highlight the design. Will trust in the sacramentals and statues will need to done. Will the piano also be in the back of church? What would happen to the sacramentals? Fr. Ryan explained that some would go to the meeting room.

If this money was suppose to go to Sacred Heart and St Peter why wasn't the money for the LOA used at St Peter.

Question about lighting of the stained glass above the altar. Will it be back lit. Doesn't like the lighting currently in the church, but likes those on the renditions. Would like to see lights lit outside to keep it lit inside.

Will the brick be painted? No.

Bathrooms will not be renovated with his but might be part of regular budget.

Crucifix could be moved to the chapel instead of the meeting room. Back windows in the entry way might be installed.

Will the feeling of the adoration chapel remain the same? No major renovations, but want to keep the space intimate. Will keep that feel but will update it.

Will there be a communion rail present? Yes. Is this the first step to return to kneeling to receive communion.

Placing of baptismal font. Pews will be cut away to make place for the font. Are you going to do anything about handicap accessible. Ramp will be going to the altar from the back side. When will the church be closed? We are working through that know with renovations starting this summer and then we will be back open by Christmas. Options of using the SH gym or other church sites to offer the Masses.

Will adoration chapel be open? Will be open during renovations? Adoration will be at another site.

Sound proofing of the confessional area as well as between meeting space.

Likes the idea of the Stations of the Cross and would like to offer Stations of the Cross here also.

Appreciates the realness of the crucifix.

Why is the crucifix in front of the mosaic? Layered look is the common in church.

Can the meetings be published so that people can add to them? Had no idea that there were meetings even being held. Who are on the Pastoral Council? Is that information on the website?

Are there population projections being made for all of the church sites? Population trends are shown to be growing.

60% of the LOA is coming back. Looking at the amount to be spent at SH will be 1.2-1.5 million.

Will share the exact details of the LOA campaign and numbers with Stephen Victor.