

As you may know, we had a facilities assessment conducted on the church structure last year. As a result of those findings, it was clear that we must soon address several deferred maintenance issues. To preserve and protect these beloved elements of our history, our parish leadership has worked to devise plans to secure their future for another 100 years.

To that end, in August we conducted a comprehensive planning study and invited all parishioners to provide their input. The planning study tested our most pressing facilities projects and some enhancement opportunities we hope to tackle. Additionally, the planning study determined which projects are considered priorities by our community, and identified potential leaders and donors. The planning study results were presented to parish leadership in mid-September. Below is a summary of the findings.



PRIORITY OF RESPONDENTS

- Restore windows and install new cooling system.... 8.22
- Renovate basement......5.81
- Renovate the patio and repair the south parking lot 3.45

Note: Scores of 6.5 and above indicate a high priority



183 households participated



92% of respondents personally favor a campaign, including 98% of those interviewed



91% of respondents will make a personal gift to the campaign, including 96% of those interviewed



65 respondents indicated they would serve in a leadership position

system collected the strongest support.

(The sealing of the windows will limit the air circulation to the

building, necessitating ventilation.) There is compelling support to conduct a campaign. Now it comes down to completing preparations so that we can put the plans into action. Before embarking on the campaign next year, we will spend time to complete a few key tasks:

- · Conduct a parish census to ensure we have updated records and contact information.
- Finalize the size and scope of the projects. Before the campaign, we will garner updated project costs and determine the best plan to accomplish our most pressing projects.
- · Contact local, regional and national foundations and historical societies to build and strengthen relationships that can lead to campaign support, alongside our parish community.
- Develop and improve the way we relay information within the parish for clearer, transparent, and more consistent communication.

Completing the above will be the building blocks that solidify our plan for a capital campaign. The planning study projection revealed that we can raise \$1.75 to **\$2.25** million among our parish community by using the Steier Group's recommended approach.

With potential support from philanthropists and foundations passionate about preserving historic buildings like ours, we're hopeful that we will conduct a successful campaign that helps preserve St. Dominic's for another century and beyond. Stay tuned!