



# *Holy Cross Catholic Church*

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*“Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.” (Mt 16:24)*

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

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Praise God! Your commitment to expanding Holy Cross ministry space and creating a Catholic education center has paid off. After two years of fundraising, construction of the Holy Cross Catholic Education and Community Center (CECC) is about to commence. The formal government permit and approval process are both scheduled to occur in early summer. Excluding any unforeseen delays, we eagerly anticipate beginning excavation this summer.

Financially, we continue to move in the right direction. While the Diocese of Rockford currently has a building moratorium in place, we have been given approval to proceed due to the success of our pledge campaign, *Building on Our Family of Faith*. A balance less than 100% of the total cost of the project will require a mortgage, so we need to keep the momentum going. Currently the total estimated cost of the project exceeds our pledges. However, the CECC Development Team is actively assessing a variety of concepts that will minimize our mortgage for this project and help support our future financial needs.

We are blessed that our CECC will include the first Catholic grade school to be built in the diocese in over 30 years. Not a day goes by when I don't receive questions regarding the school. While I don't have all the necessary information to respond to your questions, I can assure you that working with the school principal, we will eventually provide you with the information you need. Identifying and hiring a preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade principal is currently a top priority. Members of the CECC Steering Team are meeting with local parochial schools to discuss the best manner to identify and hire the appropriate school administrator. Utilizing the experience and knowledge of highly regarded Catholic schools will ensure that we make informed decisions to provide the best possible Catholic education for our children.

The CECC also will offer the much needed expansion of space for use by all our ministries, while bringing Religious Education (RE) programs back onsite. To that end, the design team is working with leaders from our RE program and other ministries to incorporate critical design elements that will assure the CECC balances the needs of all ministries. We have made a concerted effort to include grade school teachers, RE leaders and other ministry leaders in a unified design team.

With the creation of the project Steering Team, an organizational structure (see other side) has been established to guide and support the parish throughout the building process. The CECC volunteer-driven teams provide you with an opportunity to have a considerable impact on project processes and successes. Currently the Communication and Development Teams are ramping up to help determine goals and launch projects. For maximum effectiveness, we need your input and involvement. I know that right now the Communication and Development Teams are in need of volunteers with experience in any of the following areas: **Public relations, marketing communication, writing, editing, desktop publishing, grant research, event or project coordination, fund development, sales, and administrative support.**

Significant milestones have been achieved and I'm proud of your accomplishments. There is joyful work ahead of us as we continue on this journey of faith to offer the best Catholic education opportunities to everyone at Holy Cross. Please prayerfully consider assisting the CECC teams to achieve our goals. More frequent CECC communication is planned beginning with a CECC Town Hall Update scheduled on March 18<sup>th</sup> in Donovan Hall at 12:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Christ through Mary,

Fr. Dan Deutsch

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