

## **August 1, 2018 New Church Building Project Update**

We are excited to share with you the current status of the St. John the Divine (SJTD) Building Project. The SJTD Millennium Building Committee along with the project team have been working over the past several months to finalize the design details of our new Church Campus on our property on Beach Boulevard, just east of the intersection at Kernan Boulevard. Our Church Campus includes a Byzantine Crucifix-form sanctuary for worship services, an administrative/education building, along with a banquet hall. The campus will also include an airnasium and grassed area for sporting and outdoor activities and events, including our Greek Festival along with our Easter Picnic and other community events.

Sauer Incorporated is our design/build contractor and is responsible for providing both the design, engineering and construction services for our project. Construction design drawings for the Church Campus are scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2018. These drawings will then be submitted to the City of Jacksonville to obtain construction permits. Sauer will then solicit bid proposals which will determine the total construction costs. Actual construction is scheduled to begin by the end of November 2018, and we anticipate completion in approximately one year.

The estimated cost of the new Church Campus is approximately \$13 million. At the present time, we are blessed to have over \$8.2 million in cash from your very generous contributions and from the sale of a portion of the property to the charter school. There is also an additional \$1.2 million in committed pledges with the majority expected to be collected over the next year. We are in contract negotiations for the sale of our current Church facility, with a current offer of \$1.3 million. We are also in the final stages of negotiating optimum financing terms for the ultimate long-term loan to cover the gap in funding. The loan amount will vary based on the actual construction cost, timing of funds received from the sale of our current Church and the receipt of pledges, but we anticipate a long-term loan of approximately \$3 million. We encourage those who have not given previously, or those who are in a position to give additional gifts over and above what they have so graciously given in the past to please do so online at <http://stjohnthedivinejax.org/our-parish/remembering-the-legacy-raising-the-foundation>, or contact the Church office, Athena Mann at [mannathome@gmail.com](mailto:mannathome@gmail.com), Steve Bacalis at [stevebacalis@tomnehl.com](mailto:stevebacalis@tomnehl.com), Paul Kotos at [ppk@capillc.com](mailto:ppk@capillc.com), Father Nicholas, or Father Milton. All gifts will go towards reducing the amount of our loan.

**On August 19 at the Panagiri Luncheon, a brief “town hall” presentation will be held to verbally update the Community on the Building Project, along with answering any questions from the parishioners.**

It has been a long journey to reach this point, but God has truly blessed our Community. In the Fall, we will begin construction of His new home... a home that will continue to build upon the sure foundation that has been previously built, but also to create new ministries, new programs, new opportunities that aim to bring people closer to Christ and to each other. We are very close to making our vision a reality... building a church home that will work towards fulfilling the mandate from Christ when He said, “go forth to ALL nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19). May God continue to bless our Community and guide us during this exciting time in the life of the Community of St. John the Divine.

With Love in Christ,

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