

November 13, 2021

Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Friends,

Since our first anniversary Mass and celebration in late July, Bishop Guglielmone has asked me *more than once* to consider building a multi-purpose facility that would serve the needs of both CCCF and Seton School. Since the Diocese owns and operates the school, the Bishop said the Diocese would pay for half of the costs.

After interviewing multiple firms, we signed a contract this past week with The Proper Group to begin a feasibility study in early December to gauge excitement and financial support for this endeavor. The Proper Group will interview a combination of 30 households from three local communities: (1) us – CCCF, (2) the Seton School family, and (3) Catholic education supporters in the Myrtle Beach area. The report they will generate will help us and the Diocese to determine the best pathway forward in this next “good adventure.”

Why are we *considering* a multi-purpose building instead of a church? *First*, we don’t have any office, meeting, and storage space for our community. Hence, whatever we build would demand building these in addition to a worship space. *Second*, as we all know, Carolina Forest is expecting significant growth at least over the next decade. Therefore, to build a church now would likely be insufficient in size for those who are coming. *Third*, Seton School is also in desperate need of more space and a gymnasium to boost enrollment. Hence, by uniting our communities in this effort, we will be able to build “bigger and better” for future generations.

What will be in this multi-purpose building? How big will it be and how much will it cost?

With the input of staff from Seton School, our CCCF building committee has devised a preliminary plan for a 15-20,000 square-foot facility that would be located to the left of Seton School on the soccer field and include: a gym with a stage (that would double as our weekend “church”), locker rooms, a kitchen, a couple of conference rooms, offices, storage, and a 100-seat chapel (for daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, funerals, baptisms, and weddings). Based upon input from the three architectural firms (Boudreaux, Liollo, & LS3P) we are still interviewing, the estimated final cost of the project is \$7-10 million.

While our official campaign will not begin until the new year, I ask that you do four things. *First*, begin regularly praying Psalm 127 (“Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build...”). *Second*, continue to generously give to our monthly rent and capital collection that occurs on the first weekend of the month. *Third*, consider a year-end Christmas gift to CCCF (especially if you have a RMD – Required Minimum Distribution) or put our community in your will to bolster divine energy and build capital for this needed next step in our community’s journey. *Fourth*, if called upon, please participate in the feasibility study.

Verso l’alto – Towards the heights!

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