

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 24, 2010**

**PASTOR'S CORNER
COUNCIL REVIEW OF FIOF CASE STATEMENT**

I want to make you all aware that the Parish Council has had a discussion of our Faith In Our Future Case Statement in light of the fact that we did not make our goal. I do hope that any who did not pledge to this appeal might yet do so or that some whose financial situation has changed since a year ago might increase their pledge. But the reality is that we have raised 72.5% of our goal. Of that, 40% stays with the FIOF trust fund for educational endeavors at the Archdiocesan level. That means at the end of the three year pledge payoff period, we should realize \$1,195,500. We will, therefore, not be able to complete everything we proposed. We must also keep in mind that no monies from the FIOF appeal can be diverted to any use other than those we proposed. The Parish Council is proposing the following for discussion. No decision has been made.

1. Reorder the 5 items with an eye toward accomplishing as much as possible since various people gave because of a fondness for one or another item.
2. Re-modeling and refurbishing the Parish Center and School is still #1 and should be completed and done well. Our estimated cost of \$500,000 was low, and we will need \$750,000 to get the job done well. We should do that.
3. Item #2 should become the Immersion/Mission Trip Endowment. This should be fully funded at the proposed \$200,000.
4. Item #3 should be the outreach gift to Prince of Peace Parish prorated down to 72.5% of the original \$50,000 for a new amount of \$35,000.
5. Item #4 should be the new narthex. We will have about \$210,500 for that, which is not enough, but which can become seed money for further fund raising for this project after FIOF ends.
6. Item #5 is the new electronic organ. That item can be removed from the list. It will be donated by one donor outside the FIOF campaign.

Let your councilors know what you think. We will also have a discussion of this at all committee tables at our next Common Leadership Night, February 15. I think there is great wisdom in the above solution.

Blessings,

Fr. Ken Knippel