

Project 2020 Update  
Open Houses – November 19, 2017  
Questions and Answers

On Sunday, November 19, 2017 Open Houses were held in the Parish Center after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses to address any questions parishioners might have after receiving Fr. Mike's Project 2020 early November update letter.

Following are the questions and answers from those Open Houses.

Q. During construction, the parking lot will be difficult to navigate and it is important to have safe conditions during this time.

*A. This will be addressed during the design and planning stage.*

Q. How many parking spaces will be lost in the front parking area with the current plans?

*A. We have 101 parking spaces now and will lose about 45 spaces. These will be made up with added spaces elsewhere on the Church campus and we will actually have a net gain of 13 parking spaces. We will also have parking areas along the street and at Scotus. Additionally, there will be new access to the Church on the North side of the hallway connecting the Narthex and the Parish Center.*

Q. Will all the houses on 16<sup>th</sup> Street be removed initially?

*A. Only the two houses on the northwest corner will be removed initially.*

Q. Is it practical to move the houses on 16<sup>th</sup> Street?

*A. It is unlikely, but this will be investigated at the appropriate time.*

Q. Will the Narthex construction affect Mass schedules and Mass locations?

*A. This will be addressed in the construction timetable planning.*

Q. Is there a timeline for the School Improvements phase?

*A. Not at this time. This will depend on funding.*

Q. How many parishioners participated in the survey determining project 2020 priorities?

*A. Approximately 200 and these included representatives from various groups and committees now involved in Parish ministries.*

Q. Are there any questions from prior Open Houses that are unresolved?

*A. Not really. Issues such as Church access, slope, side chapel, etc. have been addressed in the preliminary architectural plans.*

Q. Shouldn't we all just give a little bit more now to do what needs to be done with Project 2020 instead of putting an even higher burden and higher costs on those generations coming after us?

*A. We have approximately 1,200 families who have not yet provided pledges. We are hopeful many of these will be joining those families who have already submitted their pledges.*

Q. Are the Knights of Columbus bringing money into the project besides promising to use the new Parish Center?

*A. Yes, Council 938 has made a \$300,000 commitment and the first \$100,000 has been paid. Besides their financial support, the presence of the Knights on our campus will have a positive evangelization impact for our St. Bonaventure parish as well.*

Q. Is digging up parking area for the new Plaza really necessary?

*A. The Plaza area is not a big cost, but this is something that could be scaled back if necessary. If deemed advisable, the Plaza could also be delayed and put in at a later date.*

Q. Will we need to hire more people to take care of the Project 2020 additions to our Parish campus?

*A. The Finance Committee estimates an additional \$100,000 per year will be required.*

Q. What is the seating in the new Parish Center as presently designed?

*A. 350 people in a round table seating format and 500 in a lecture seating style.*

Q. When will construction be started and then finished?

*A. Starting is estimated to be October, 2018 and completion is estimated to be in 2020.*

Q. What is the current seating size of the Social Hall?

*A. Approximately 200 people.*

Q. Will eliminating the steps going into the Church result in a severe slope in the parking lot?

*A. Actually, no. A good visual reference to help answer this question is to think about the current entryway to the Social Hall, which has an approximate 5% slope. The required slope of the parking lot necessary to eliminate the Church steps will be only 2% - 3%, roughly half of the Social Hall entryway slope.*

Q. Could we save money by not paving some areas and using gravel instead?

*A. City code requires paving.*

Q. Was any money from selling the houses on 16<sup>th</sup> Street included in the budget?

*A. No, but the cost of removing the houses was included.*

Q. Is there a go/no go date for breaking ground?

*A. The approval to close 16<sup>th</sup> Street must come first and we hope to have this in hand by the end of the year. This will trigger the specific design stage to begin.*

Q. Is closing 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue an option?

*A. Possibly sometime in the future.*