



St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Community

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May 2023

Dear Parishioners of St Ignatius:

I hope the graces of the Lenten Season and the present Easter Season are still with you. It was this time last year that there were several opportunities for parishioners to have an update on the capital project campaign which began about seven years ago. Many parishioners have registered since then and therefore may be unfamiliar with its mission.

The *AMDG Capital Campaign*, to fund those projects, is titled in honor of our patron, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, whose motto is '*For the Greater Glory of God.*' *AMDG* is the acronym of the Latin translation, '*Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam.*' The acronym appears in many places in our two Churches, the Historic Church in Urbana and the Church where Sunday Mass is celebrated in Ijamsville. The primary impetus of the campaign was to increase the seating capacity for Sunday worship. Both the church and the hall were considered to be reconfigured to meet that mission at a cost originally estimated in the ten-million-dollar range.

Hopefully the enclosed June 2022 letter which recaps the presentations of Spring 2022 will assist in a further understanding. As the initial fundraising reaches its five-year mark, the parish will commence with the renovations of Polk Hall and the Historic Church. The monies donated so far to the *AMDG* campaign will be used to fund these projects.

Stuart Christenson, an architect and CEO of *NOELKER AND HULL ASSOCIATES, INC* who created the many options proposed at the onset of the campaign to renovate the hall and church will be engaged again on the hall renovation. The renovation will include a storage space for equipment, expanding the hall slightly with curved south wall, and a covered walkway from the church which has only two single use bathrooms to the hall bathrooms which will be expanded to accommodate.

Subsequently, Bruchey Builders (who constructed the Ijamsville Church) was recently consulted regarding the Historic Church renovation and in turn engaged B&R engineers to understand the scope of this specific endeavor. It is hoped that as this project is further explored, it will come to fruition enabling the Historic Church to be used more often and more comfortably by adding plumbing, bathroom, more lighting for safety, especially for the weekly adoration. The parish convened a few parishioners who worship weekly at the Historic Church or volunteer regularly knowing the needs of the parish for both campuses to assist in this endeavor. Additionally, members of the Deaf Community joined the conversation as they will worship in the Historic Church and gather in the hall more frequently. Just this past Spring, the Archdiocese invited a priest, who is deaf himself, to minister full time to the Deaf of Frederick County. The Historic Church will be their primary place of worship.

Permission has been sought and recently granted by the Archdiocese of Baltimore to move forward with these endeavors. It is standard protocol that once the designs are drafted for each property, the Archdiocese reviews them before any renovation begins.

While these projects are occurring simultaneously, the parish will use the opportunity to study the demographics of the county and its impact on the seating capacity of the Ijamsville Church. Consequently, the future cost will then be determined resulting in the next phase of the capital campaign.

The home page of the parish website (www.e-stignatius.org) has a button that has this letter and other information that was presented in the Spring 2022 meetings. Please email parish21754@archbalt.org with any thoughts or considerations you wish to communicate. Thank you for your generosity in making these improvements to the parish's campuses.

Sincerely,



Rev. Patrick M. Carrion, Pastor
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Last Year's Letter

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June 2022

Dear Parishioner of St Ignatius of Loyola Parish:

I hope this Easter Season and the spring season has been prayerful and relaxing. The Sunday after Easter, I presented an update on the AMDG Capital Project, initiated several years ago. If you are new to the parish and unaware of the project, the parish embarked on an endeavor to expand the seating capacity in the Church. Initially, the parish reviewed multiple options with the architect; (buying property, renovating the present hall and church, etc) it was ultimately determined to extend the present hall into the field between the building and Route 80 to create a new space in which to worship. Furthermore, the present Church would be renovated into a parish hall. The parish, while realizing that permission was still pending by Frederick County to build on the septic fields, initiated the campaign knowing the expansion could be accomplished by one of the other options.

While these conversations with the County continued, it was becoming more apparent that permission may not be granted. Realizing this possibility, I asked the architect to revisit one of the previous options of renovating the present Church into a more expansive worship space. This past spring, the parish was informed that the hall could not be expanded onto the septic fields to create this worship space. This decision was shared at the parish meeting in April along with the alternate option to renovate the present Church. The enclosed schematic and the comments listed below highlight the architect's design.

Hall:

- The south wall (Rt. 80 side) would be extended out and curved to create a focal point, while not infringing on the septic field;
- Flooring, ceiling and lighting would be upgraded;
- The bathrooms adjacent to the hall would be expanded to accommodate both the Church and Hall usage;
- A storage room for the tables and chairs would be added adjacent to the bathroom;
- This hall renovation will occur prior to the Church's renovation, as the hall will be where the parish will worship in the meantime.

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Church

- The 'footprint' of the side walls will remain;
- The front wall (front door) and back wall (sanctuary) will extend in opposite directions. The church will be longer;
- Gathering / Entrance space will be expanded multifold;
- The Gathering area will include Reconciliation Rooms, offices, bathrooms, sacristies and storage;
- The roof will be raised increasing the height of the walls;
- The higher windows, as well as the added cupola, will bring additional light into the space;
- A choir loft will be added to increase seating capacity as will the longer nave space;
- The Hall and the Church will be connected by a glass enclosed cloister which opens into the present Mary Garden;

Historic Church in Urbana

- While renovation to the Historic Church was not part of the original scope of the campaign, it is being included now. The renovation will bring water into the building and create a bathroom. Presently the Church has neither. This renovation presents a more inviting use of Church for baptisms, small weddings and funerals, especially during the time the Ijamsville Church may be closed for renovation.

The original project was taking the existing spaces and expanding the facilities. The option now being pursued is also taking the existing spaces and expanding them, just in a different way, but with the same goals.

Presently parishioners have donated nearly \$3 million to the AMDG capital campaign. This letter is a means to inform all donors and parishioners that it is no longer possible to construct the original design. Fortunately, for us, extensive (and expensive) architectural renderings had not been drawn yet for the original proposed design. Now that the parish has had to review its options to increase the church's seating capacity and shared this information; permission will be sought from Archbishop Lori to further this endeavor. While some parishioners heard this information in April, it is being presented again on Sunday June 26, 2022 at 9:30 am between the two morning Masses.

Sincerely,



Rev. Patrick M. Carrion
Pastor

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EXPANDED HALL
Add storage room
Enlarge both Bathrooms

- EXISTING
- RENOVATION
- NEW CONSTRUCTION

