



Feasibility Study Executive Summary

To the Our Lady of Grace Community:

As you know, Our Lady of Grace (OLG) is considering **'Advancing Our Mission'** in 2019 to give us the physical space we need to advance our mission of ***making Jesus Christ known and loved***. As part of this effort, we have sought feedback from the parish community. This executive summary provides the results of that feedback and an update for you on the next steps.

BACKGROUND

Starting in November 2018, we reached out to the parish community to obtain input about a proposed capital campaign. A committee studied the feasibility of a capital campaign by means of a series of individual meetings with parishioners, town hall meetings and surveys. Building the infrastructure to advance our mission effectively requires a shared vision and deep input from the community. This outreach was the first chapter of that dialogue.

The committee studying the feasibility of a capital campaign made the case that, in order to advance our mission over the next generation at OLG, we need to pursue the following objectives:

- expand ministries and enhance fellowship and community;
- serve the whole child – mind, body and soul;
- engage new and young families;
- ensure our priests' well-being and connectedness to the parish; and
- ensure the long-term viability of our facilities.

These recommendations came out of an analysis of our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities as a parish. Delivering against these objectives meant considering capital investments in things like a parish life center (including a new kitchen), a new gym, an early childhood development center, a priests' residence and investing in deferred maintenance.

RESULTS

There were some clear and compelling headlines coming from the parish community as we began a dialogue about a potential capital campaign.

First, there is tremendous and exciting engagement from the parish community around the initiative to advance our mission. Over 200 parishioners attended town hall discussions and around 500 individuals and families filled out the online survey. This overwhelming response speaks to the engagement and energy at OLG and a shared commitment to our mission.

Second, there was broad agreement and support that we have the correct priorities. 96% of people surveyed found this proposal to advance our mission very compelling (29%), compelling (45%), or somewhat compelling (22%). We have broad agreement on the needs we face.

Third, while deferred maintenance (fixing what we have) and a residence for priests received the most support as specific priority areas, all of the specific potential capital campaign initiatives received significant support and fell into a very tight range.

Fourth, we heard frequently that parishioners want to know more and understand better the design of these proposed capital projects.

Fifth, there is a great desire within the parish community to continue a thorough dialogue about how to advance our mission and build for our future.



NEXT STEPS

The overall message that we've heard from the respondents has been: "Yes, we need to do something, but more precisely, what will our proposed new and repurposed spaces look like?" To that end, our Master Planning Steering Committee will spend the next several months defining precisely our campus space and enhancements. That plan should indicate what to build and/or improve. We will do so thoughtfully, in the most fiscally responsible way and in stages. Once that important process is complete, we will have a better idea of the scope and look of what we may undertake. This will be the Master Campus Plan that we submit to the City of Edina for approval.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit our "Advancing Our Mission" website page (AOM) website page – www.olgparish.org/aom – to view the results of our feasibility study and more as we proceed in our next steps. On this page, there is an opportunity to send our team your comments. Additionally, please join us in prayer by using the "Advancing Our Mission" Discernment Prayer provided on that web page.

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May this potential capital campaign be a source of energy and engagement as we discuss the future we aspire to build and the best ways to advance our mission of ***making Jesus Christ known and loved.***

