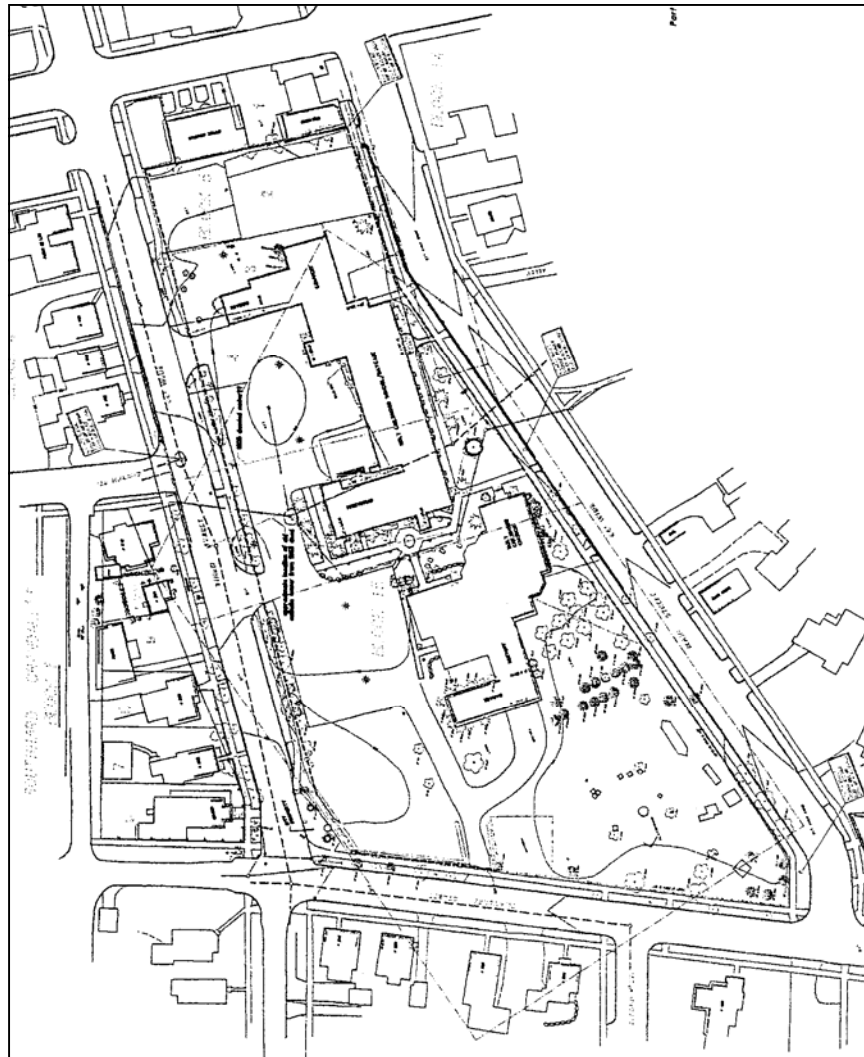


PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

Information Bulletin

Building Oversight Committee



Site plan showing property boundaries and building “footprints”
as of February 2003

Holy Childhood of Jesus Parish
Harbor Springs, Michigan

March 2006

I am happy to present to you this first edition of a regular newsletter to keep you informed on the progress of our parish Building Oversight Committee (BOC). Joe Hickey, the secretary of the BOC, is the editor. I am very grateful to him. Each edition will present you with news and will, also, be one of the main vehicles by which we will call you to "Parish Meetings" when we need to present you with options on our facilities. Please remember that the basic tool we are using is the results of our visioning process. Our guide is the vision statement that evolved from this process: CHERISH THE LORD; BUILD FAITH; LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS US.

Please continue to keep the BOC in your prayers.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Joe".

Building Oversight Committee Members

Richard Hendrian -*Chair*
Carol Ryan-*Co-chair*

Tina Boughner
Bob Cardinal
Paul Drayer
Dan Gorman
Fred Hackl
Joe Hickey
Tom Hoffman
Richard Horan
Mary Ellen Hughes
Ryan Johnston
Jane Keller
Mike Moore
Pat Morrison
Mark Perreault
Billie Serba
Robert Shagonaby
Dave Slifka
Brett Swiss

Father Joe Graff-*Pastor*

The Building Oversight Committee (BOC) first met on January 5, 2006. Guided by our vision statement, we defined our *Goals and Purpose* as follows:

- ◆ We, as a consulting, collaborative body, will work with our pastor to develop options for a total site plan for the parish property and buildings.
- ◆ Working in tandem with our pastor and the Pastoral and Finance Counsels, we may commission studies needed to insure the best results.
- ◆ Our work will be open, transparent, and include regular, timely communication with the parish.

Assignments were made to develop preliminary lists of the “wants and needs” of the various parish commissions and activities.

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The BOC next met on February 6, 2006. Overviews of the area demographics and “wants and needs” wish lists were presented.

Demographically:

Low property availability restricts household growth within the city; vacation and retirement account for much of area growth and an older profile.

Various “wish lists” were presented:

It was agreed that a major priority is a new hall, replacing the demolished building. Future expansion will focus on the needs for a larger gathering space, classrooms, daycare, and a new kitchen facility. Rental apartments for retired religious and/or seniors will be considered.

Other needs will be discussed, with the appropriate commissions later in our process when we can be more specific.

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We next met on March 9, 2006 during which, the February 22 walk-through of the school building was discussed. It was agreed that developing specific options would be premature at this stage; however, any renovation of the school building should address the inner load-bearing walls plus the unstable ground conditions.

Our professional architectural members (Fred Hackl, Dan Gorman, and Paul Drayer) will prepare preliminary building property alternative concepts ment to stimulate discussions within the group. Also, recommendations for communications to the parish will be prepared and presented at our next meeting.

Dick Hendrian was nominated and elected BOC Chairperson and Carol Ryan Co-chair. We are fortunate to have such talented and dedicated leadership. It was agreed that the BOC will meet twice per month in the future.

Abide, O Spirit of Life

Text: adaptation by Bill Huebsch © 2004. This prayer may have been composed by St. Isidore of Seville, for use during a council held there in 619 and again later in 633. It was used before each session of Vatican I in 1869-70, and it was used before each session of Vatican II in 1962-1965.

Leader We stand firm, here before you,
With our weakness and longing for you.
We are bound to love one another.
Abide, O Spirit of life!

Refrain Let peace fill our hearts,
Let love fill our minds.
Make us loving disciples of Christ.
May we all be one,
May we all be yours,
Abide, O Spirit of Life!

Leader We ask you to guide all our actions
And to show the path we should walk.
We desire to know what will please you.
Abide, O Spirit of life!

All pray the above refrain

Leader May you be our sole inspiration,
May you see whatever we do,
May we act in your name forever.
Abide, O Spirit of life!

All pray the above refrain

Leader May we walk together in justice.
Teach us wisdom, unite all our hearts.
May your grace be here now to guide us.
Abide, O Spirit of life!

All pray the above refrain

Leader United in your name forever,
May our work reflect your desires.
May your mercy and love always fill us.
Abide, O Spirit of life!

All pray the above refrain