

REPORT OF ST. EDWARDS' BUILDING STEERING COMMITTEE

October 7, 1979

Fathers Weber and Des Rosiers as well as the Building Steering Committee have been working diligently during the summer months to finalize plans for our new church complex. The architectural firm of Dooling & Siegel as well as Turner Construction Company have been working many hours with us during July, August and September to help us accomplish an acceptable building at an acceptable budget. The Chancery offices - especially those of the engineering department headed by Mr. Jim Jenkins and the Building Commission headed by Bishop Thomas Daily and Fr. Fred Ryan - have been extremely cooperative. They have allowed us to work at break-neck speed by quickly placing us on their agenda even though it had already been filled. (We have been held back only by the number of hours available to devote to the project.)

There will be more information coming rapidly now as we near the time of construction. At this point we are approximately three weeks away from contracting. Would you believe within three weeks of projected schedule.

As you can see there are various fund raising projects taking place - Edwardfest Dance, Garage Sale, Sports Night and others in the planning stages. We hope not only to raise funds but to bring our parish together growing in strength and unity with God. There is a vital point which will determine the rapidity of construction. We are allowed to build only as much building as we have cash on hand. As soon as the final "guaranteed maximum price" is established and approved by our parish and Chancery, a full report on the financial situation will be forth coming.

It is necessary then that our pledges be kept up to the minute as the timing of incoming funds be coordinated with building completion. We are encouraged and expected to fulfill our obligations in that regard as expediently as possible.

Fathers Weber and Des Rosiers and all the members of the Building Committee with to thank all of those members of the parish who have contributed so greatly of their time and ideas with none but personal reward and satisfaction. May the blessings and graces of the Lord be ever with you.

I personally look with much confidence toward the future of our country and our church, especially with the recent visit of our spiritual leader, Pope John Paul II. Deep down people are looking for that kind of discipline and moral judgment to continue growing. Our church committees will always respond in the same way to those who wish to help and be closer to the activities. Those of you who have not yet participated or who thought "it would never happen" can look forward now with extreme enthusiasm as it is happening with effervescence. We look with pleasure to your offer to pledge not only your time but also your financial support.

Our theme so aptly presented by Jack Erdlen a short while back - Together we can make it happen - is taking fruition.

Together we ARE MAKING IT HAPPEN.

Thank you,

Dr. James N. Thiel
Chairperson - St. Edward Building
Committee