



**HOLY CROSS  
PARISH FAMILY**  
TOGETHER IN JESUS CHRIST SINCE 1852

July 19, 2023

Dear Holy Cross School Families and Community:

Crosier Fr. Edward Daems and the Sisters of St. Francis established Holy Cross Catholic School 155 years ago with the vision to be fully committed to Catholic education in Bay Settlement. It is here at Holy Cross that we foster opportunities to know, love and serve Jesus by creating disciples to carry on this legacy. Our children and families become seeds that, when rooted in tradition, will grow in faith making a long lasting and positive impact in the world.

Last month, Holy Cross Parish sent out a letter describing the progress and opportunities for our community. This communication noted the predicted rapid development of our surrounding neighborhoods and described the evaluation process that the Holy Cross Catholic School Vitality Team, composed of parishioners, staff and parents, used to examine the current and future state of our school. In July of 2022, Berners Schober conducted an assessment of the status of the facility's structural and mechanical systems and made recommendations for future improvements. After reviewing these details and suggestions, the Vitality Team addressed near term issues specific to safety and security concerns of the building including installing an updated fire alarm system, cleaning the ventilation ductwork of the entire building, replacing school furnaces and upgrading middle school classroom doors. The team worked to further identify strategies promoting the long term future of Catholic education here at Holy Cross. A community survey was then conducted seeking feedback relative to five goals aligned with future and subsequent phases of improvement to the facilities and campus. The Vitality Team then requested bids for a conceptual design from architectural and engineering firms having significant experience in remodeling and additions to school facilities with a phased approach for expansion. Follow-up interviews were conducted with representatives from each firm. The Vitality Team submitted its feedback to the Green Bay Diocesan Buildings and Grounds Committee, who then evaluated the firms' proposals and provided its approval. The team determined that this conceptual design project would be awarded to Somerville Architects and Engineers. Somerville is a local business that provides extensive detail, is financially competitive and highly qualified.

The conceptual design process allows us as stakeholders to best understand the needs and capacities for upgrades and revitalization here at Holy Cross. This process occurs over several months and will result in potential options and renderings of a future revitalized Holy Cross Catholic School for further development. The cost of this conceptual design will be financially

supported largely by the Holy Cross Site Advisory Committee and also by Holy Cross Parish. Once these renderings are provided to the Vitality Team, the school and parish families along with staff and students will have an opportunity to share ideas and feedback relative to plans and details. Please know that there have been no decisions made regarding the next steps for development and we will provide ongoing communication as we learn more about the status of our school.

As we continue to examine the needs of Holy Cross Catholic School, we recall the deep tradition of faith, community and Catholic education that has supported generations. This long standing commitment pushes us to remain steadfast in our work and challenges us to strive for greater excellence for the next generation. We are proud of our heritage and eager to carry this forward for years to come. "Growing in Faith, Rooted in Tradition."

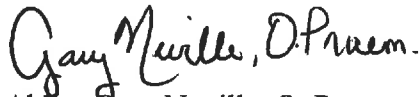
Peace and Blessings,



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