

Capital Campaign Survey

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A survey was taken in the first half of 2018. The objective was to ascertain parishioners' priorities, in terms of potential improvements financed by a future capital campaign. It was stated at the outset that the Rectory porch repair and painting were already planned for the Fall of 2018 and hence not included. It was also mentioned that deferred mechanical and electrical maintenance, as determined by last year's engineering report, would be top priority and hence not optional.

The improvements suggested were the following:

1. Permanent Church handicap access;
2. Proper egress from Church undercroft;
3. Improved parking;
4. Upgrade of Church interior; and
5. Church air-conditioning.

It should be noted that this survey was generated before the Master Plan was developed. In Jamie Purinton's vision, other elements are planned, such as an outdoor pavilion (replacing the existing shed, with added amenities such as water and electricity); an entry court at the entrance of Burke Hall; a pastoral walkway from the road to the Church; a rain garden; and a gathering circle in the woods at the East end of the property.

We received 36 survey responses. The results are as follows:

1. Handicap accessibility was deemed top priority.
2. In second place and evenly apportioned were improved parking, undercroft egress and interior Church upgrades.
3. Trailing very last was air-conditioning of the Church. I want to thank everyone for their participation.

The results are revealing. Let's hope we can generate funds to accomplish everything that our wonderful St. John in the Wilderness campus deserves.

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