

St. Joseph Meeting Minutes

Meeting Notes from presentation and discussions

August 26, 2002

What about parish offices?

- TSG to look at parish hall for office concepts
- The high costs of Church construction should not be spent on office space
- Functionally, it does not have to be part of church building
- TSG to gather understanding of office functions
- Don't overlook interim solution for office space

Circulation seems high?

- Decrease to save money?
- Could provide space for use for other functions/mingling
- Duplication of circulation @ back of church and main ext. corridor?
- Others say it is not too much

Dual Function of usher/bride room

Extend cry room into circulation to make a little bigger/usable?

- Spacing between pews in cry room should be increased
- TSG needs number of people typically in the cry rooms

Will combining of restroom save room/create more space?

- Convenience of restrooms on both sides is good.
- Are there toilet facilities in Rooms 14, 16, 6 & 7?

Location of tabernacle? Behind altar? Connected to worship space?

- Decided that front location is center of activity on site.
- Msgr Manny appreciates the plan as currently indicated.

Prefer coffee area to be in the front, not rear of church

- Serve from parish hall?
- Don't want to see people have coffee while next mass is coming in or underway
- Strengthen connection between plaza and parish hall

Location of Tabernacle

- Should Eucharist be closer to the church proper (sanctuary)
- Have to go through corridor
- Can we, should we, see chapel from church
- "This is where God lives" should be expressed in how church is organized
- Should it be central?
- "Church is our house and the chapel feels like the garage in this plan"
- Chapel is next to major corridor-maybe it should be in back
- Should Tabernacle be visible
- Tabernacle is reserved for private devotion and the Church is place for public celebration

Like proximity of chapel to reservation chapel

Do not want Direct door to chapel from outside

The current plan shows a location for chapel that is more prominent and very secure

Symmetry of building suggests that all parts of the building are equal when they really aren't. Views/experience of building do not provide for the same symmetry. And building elevations may allow for variation of building height and hierarchy.

Design of traditional church with forward thinking ideas

General consensus is location of chapel is fine.

There is expressed concern with private chapel and the tradition of the tabernacle being a more prominent public part of church.

Would there be a crucifix at the front of the church? Design does allow for it, if desired.

Chapel should have some architectural designation to show its prominence. Elevation design will allow for this.

Like social area in back but should connect to front plaza with paving or extended plaza.

TSG to review alternatives with tabernacle at rear of church and behind the altar.

Design Meeting

Toilets on one side only-savings plus allow more space or meeting space in the church

Possibly enlarge conference rooms into circulation

Allow more face into the warship space

Need quantity that use conference room-how many people?

Bigger spacing between pews in conference room

Strengthen connection between (e) hall & church

“Coffee” to be used by existing congregation while next group enters the church

Potentially walk all the way around the exterior

Review potential alternative with tabernacle @ rear of church behind the altar.

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