

# Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

## Pre-Campaign Planning Study

JANUARY 20/21, 2007

## Parish-Wide Planning Study Set To Begin!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PLAN FOR THE RENOVATION OF OUR PARISH FACILITIES**

### PLEASE GET INVOLVED! YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND ADVICE ARE NEEDED!

As you know, over the past few years Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church has been actively engaged in developing a Master Plan for the improvement of our parish and school facilities.

At this time, I am very happy to announce that we have made the decision to initiate a Planning Study in preparation for conducting a parish-wide capital campaign.

Since careful arrangement and thoughtful planning are required for any endeavor to be successful, the advice of our parishioners is essential. Your participation in this study is an important factor in ensuring our success because your input will help us to formulate a plan of action, and together we can make educated projections concerning the campaign.

To assist us in this project, our parish has retained the services of Guidance In Giving, Inc., a professional Catholic fundraising and stewardship consultant firm, which will work in cooperation with our Parish Staff and Campaign Committee to conduct the study over the next six weeks.

Guidance In Giving, Inc., works exclusively with Catholic parishes, schools and dioceses across the country. The company has the knowledge and expertise to help us formulate an appropriate plan of action and to make recommendations regarding the implementation of a successful capital campaign.

The Planning Study is the next step in our journey to improve our parish facilities. Please plan on participating in this vital endeavor.

Thank you, in advance, for your help!

Fr. Austin Doran, Pastor

### WATCH FOR YOUR PLANNING STUDY INVITATION LETTER IN THE MAIL!

Every registered family at Our Lady of Grace will be mailed a personal invitation letter from Father Austin to participate in the Planning Study in one of two ways:

(1) A survey questionnaire will be mailed in the next week or two to all registered parishioners. All parishioners will be asked to complete the Survey and return it back to the Parish Office by Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

(2) Personal interviews will be conducted over the several weeks, beginning the week of January 29<sup>th</sup>, with a cross-section of our parish congregation. All those invited to be interviewed will be asked to contact the Parish Office ASAP after receiving their letter to confirm a date/time. The interview will take about 30-45 minutes.

Findings from the questions asked in the Planning Study are intended to give the parish an accurate view of the support that can be expected from our parishioners during a capital campaign.

Father Austin and his Campaign Committee thank you, in advance, for your advice as they make plans for the upcoming project.

Be assured that the information you provide will be kept completely confidential.

**“PARTICIPATION AMONG ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE PLANNING STUDY IS ESSENTIAL IF OUR CAMPAIGN IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL PARISHIONERS TO PARTICIPATE.”**

**-- FR. AUSTIN DORAN, PASTOR**

**QUESTIONS?** PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (818) 342-4686