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Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! I thought you might like to know where things stand with the renovation.

You have provided considerable feedback, and I appreciate your comments, suggestions, and survey responses. Your generous pledges and ongoing contributions to the Bicentennial campaign are a great blessing.

A solid majority of parishioners have indicated support for Proposal B, the larger of the two renovation proposals. I have asked our liturgical consultant Terry Eason to move forward with Proposal B, with the hope of increasing our current seating capacity by at least 100. Greater seating capacity will allow us to better accommodate the folks who attend 9:30 Mass, First Holy Communion, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Confirmation, Graduation, etc. Greater seating capacity will also be needed, should the number of weekend Masses at Christ Our King ever be reduced, due to the priest shortage.

As a Catholic parish, everything we do comes from the Eucharist and is directed toward the Eucharist. The Eucharist is our reason for being. Our renovated church will better reflect this! The tabernacle will be prominent. Behind the tabernacle, there will be a beautiful chapel for quiet prayer and devotion.

I am excited that our parish is enthusiastic about these changes. I am especially pleased to see that 98.2% of survey participants agree with the statement: the proposed renovations honor and enhance the existing architectural style and beauty of the worship space. Wow!

Bicentennial campaign contributions will cover a significant portion of the renovation costs. I plan to make every effort to cover additional costs without having to ask you for more money, and without jeopardizing the financial well-being of the parish. As we get closer to knowing actual costs, I will share with you the plan for moving things forward.

I continue to communicate with the Diocese of Charleston Building and Renovation Advisory Committee (BRAC), and our own Renovation Advisory Committee will assist me in selecting an architect in the near future. Things are moving along.

As always, I thank you for your prayers and support. I enjoy being your Pastor!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Robert A. Spencer
Pastor