



Phase III Inquiry Task Force

A new Phase III Inquiry Task Force will be created by mid-April to begin a preliminary discussion about Phase III at SEAS—the construction of a school building to house grades one through eight on our church campus. A campus that serves our entire community’s needs all at one location, from our youth to our elderly, including our school children, has been the goal from the time SEAS was formed as a parish. It will be the purpose of this task force to discuss the issues related to this goal and make recommendations to parish and school leadership about the feasibility and next steps involved in Phase III. The task force will begin meeting this spring and will be asked to offer recommendations by late summer.

A very practical factor driving this issue is the condition of our present school building at 600 Tyler Street. The building was built in 1959, and added on to in 1965. It has served our parish well over many years, but is now in need of several significant upgrades. The roof should be replaced in the near future, and the windows are drafty and causing a lot of heat loss. Our children and teachers would also benefit from an improved security system and several of the building’s exterior doors should be replaced. The potential of a Phase III school building has a direct impact on decisions regarding our current school building. If we have a new building in five years, we could likely get by with minimal investment in our Tyler Street school. If, however, Phase III will not happen for ten or more years, we will need to look at some improvements that really can’t wait that long, and which will cost a significant amount of money.



Independent of the concerns about our building, the SEAS Parish Council expressed a desire at its September 2007 meeting that the possibility of Phase III be explored in the near future. The idea was also discussed at the October Finance Council meeting. Both councils have discussed the idea since then, culminating in the recommendation from each council that a task force be created to consider planning, next steps, and implications of a Phase III building project for our parish community.

Members of the task force will need to be dedicated to our parish and school, and not be driven by any agenda other than the well being and best interests of our SEAS parish and school community. If you are interested in serving on the task force, or simply want to learn more about it, please call Fr. Jim Perkl; Mark Dittman, our parish administrator; or Rita Humbert, our school principal. Members will be appointed based on the above criteria as well as interest and availability, and membership will be determined by April 15.

Please pray for this task force and our entire parish community for wisdom and prudence as we consider options for our future.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!

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