

The campaign for our new Social Center is underway!

The campaign for our new Social Center began this week and will continue into June! Thanks to all who participated in our recent Planning Study. Your insights and opinions were extremely beneficial. **32** members of our parish family were personally interviewed, and **over 160** surveys were returned. Some observations...

- St. Perpetua members enjoy our *warm, welcoming nature* and appreciate *Fr. John's unique combination of leadership and compassion*.
- Our *strong sense of community and our school* were also noted as strengths.
- *The new Social Center is seen as an urgent need*, as our lack of facilities is believed to be very constricting. It is believed that the Social Center *will benefit our parish and school in many ways*.

Our new Social Center...

The Social Center is the second phase of our 2002 Master Plan. This beautiful new facility will be a central component of life at St. Perpetua, and many of our primary parish, school, and social activities, such as gatherings, celebrations, performances, and assemblies, will take place here - it's going to be fantastic! The Social Center will serve as a gathering space and social hall and will also have a smaller pre-function area and state-of-the-art kitchen. Among other ministries and avenues of outreach, this facility will enable us to offer the following:

- **Parish ministries** - Faith Formation, Adult Education, Youth Ministry, RCIA, Wedding receptions
- **School** - performances and events, our music program, dances, plays, rainy day lunches
- **Social gatherings** - celebrations (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings), dinners, Crab Feed, potlucks and fundraisers, artistic and musical performances, pancake breakfasts
- **Youth** - a place for parish teens to gather for socializing and faith-sharing
- **Outreach** - shelter meals, food/clothing collection, charity fundraisers
- **Community Service** - CYO, Blue & Gold Banquet, Scouts and Brownies, civic outreach

The Social Center will be built on the east side of the existing sanctuary, towards the hillside. The current hall would be removed, and the existing church would become its own building. A central courtyard uniting the two buildings would be built, and this atrium can serve the sanctuary and hall as a pre-function and overflow area.

Questions & Answers...

Q. What are the goals of our Master Plan?

A. Our 2002 Master Plan has three areas of focus – Education, Community, and Worship/Athletics. **Phase I**, addressing our **Educational needs**, was successfully completed in 2003. Our focus in **Phase II** is to enhance our **sense of community by building a Social Center**. This facility will also move us closer to our **Phase III** goal: building a new home of **Worship** on the upper field and changing our present church into a **Sports Center**.