

Building for our Ministries

FIESTA !!

UNVEILING !!

KICKOFF !!



All three of these terms describe the wonderful event of February 10 at St Chad's, and each of us may have resonated to one, two, or all three of them. Your Building Committee (BC3) hopes that each of you found meaning and fulfillment in each of them.

The Fiesta, of course, was simply wonderful! Jan Kingsbury and her crew of other BC3 members and their spouses did a superb job of providing delicious refreshments and delightful decorations. And, we got a real chance to see how our new parish hall will serve us for our Sunday breakfasts and other fellowship activities.

More than 100 parishioners came to learn about the preliminary design concept for our new sanctuary, and one had only to hear the "buzz" as parishioners studied the various architectural renderings to conclude that the concept was greeted with excitement and anticipation. As was pointed out several times, that concept, while exciting, is not yet complete. There are, literally, hundreds of detailed design decisions yet to be made. And there is opportunity yet for your inputs and suggestions to have influence — so please make your views known to me, Father Brian, or any other member of BC3. As I noted in the very first BC3 report in *The View* last June, everyone has the chance to have their say, although the richness of differing views means that it will not be possible for everyone to have their way as the design evolves. The Building Committee will carefully take every view into account and try to decide what best serves St. Chad's overall needs.



And the Building Pledge Drive Kickoff allowed each of us to see how our individual financial commitment was essential to making the concept a reality — to turn a paper design concept into brick and mortar, and then into enhanced ministries. The announcement that 18 Vestry and Building Committee leaders of St. Chad's had pledged more than \$150,000 to the Building Program over the next three years demonstrated their commitment to the Building Program. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as you can — or if you did not receive a pledge packet either at the Fiesta or by mail since then, please let any BC3 member know and we will get one to you. Your pledge is important not only for BC3 and the Vestry to plan for meeting the cash outlays needed as planning continues and construction begins, but it's also needed to demonstrate to potential lenders or bond buyers that St. Chad's congregation is fully behind its facility expansion.

Let me close this update by thanking all who came to the Fiesta/Unveiling/Kickoff, by recalling something from Father Brian's sermon a few weeks ago — we are building as much for those who are yet to come as we are for those of us who are here.

Yours in Christ, Bob Gough, Chair