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**To:** All Parishioners, St. Benedict Catholic Church

**From:** The Pastoral Council & Facilities Committee

**Subject:** Result from the Parish Facilities Survey of Fall 2005

In 2005, when our faith community was just beginning, the idea for a master plan for the parish called for a church and a school to be built. A survey was conducted to determine what the requirements would be for these projects. At that time, the desire was to build on property, to be donated to the Diocese, within two years. It was envisioned that a multi purpose building would be constructed first, the school second, and finally the church building.

**NOTE:** Since the creation of this survey, a number of factors have changed. The developer, Mr. Ray O'Sullivan, has changed the layout of the Santa Fe Springs development, and now plans to donate land on Judge Orr Road rather than inside of the property. The Diocese of Colorado Springs is now responsible for the building of the schools, not the Parishes.

Mr. O'Sullivan has directed the drafting of a new layout plan for the first phase development on the North side of Judge Orr Road, with dedicated property for St. Benedict Parish and a diocesan school. These plans should be ready for review by Fr. Paul and Deacon Lynn by the middle of March. More details will be announced as they become available.

A review of the 2005 survey revealed the following

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- 50% of the surveys that went out were completed and returned.
- To facilitate the process, the survey listed many of the expected items needed in the 3 planned buildings. The vast majority of respondents agreed with the need for these items.
- All of the writ-in suggestions for the buildings were valuable additions to the listed items.
- The survey provides a useful list of items, fixtures and features that should be considered again when it is time to start design work on our physical plant.

[ The 2005 Surveys as submitted are available for review at the Parish House. ]

### **Discovery Survey**

As part of our current Strategic Planning process, a new survey will be developed. It will focus on both the immediate and long term desires of the entire parish. Rather than dealing with details and particulars, this survey will attempt to discover the current experience and future expectations of St. Benedict Parish. The results should be measurable indicators of the will of the parish that can be added into the decision making process for the Strategic Plan.