



# The Straight Story

Divine Mercy Catholic Church and Education Center



## Land Blessing Mass and Groundbreaking

**Saturday, September 22, 2007**

**4:00 pm**

**New Church and Education  
Center Site**

**22685 Albers Avenue**



*Coadjutor Archbishop  
John Nienstedt*

All are invited to attend the Mass to bless the land for Divine Mercy Catholic Church and Education Center celebrated by Coadjutor Archbishop John Nienstedt.

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"I pray that this church will always be a place where the message of God's merciful love is proclaimed; a place of conversion and repentance; a place for the celebration of the Eucharist; a fountain of mercy; a place of prayer and of constant appeals for mercy for ourselves and for the whole world."

~ John Paul II - August 17, 2002 homily at the dedication of the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, Poland ~

*Question on the Straight Story? Please contact the parish office.*

## City Processes Continue

Divine Mercy, along with MCL Architects and I&S Engineers and Architects have worked throughout the summer with the City of Faribault to prepare the necessary materials for the City approvals.

- The EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) for the site was completed. Comments were received during the month of July and

the recommendations were reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council in August.

- The Preliminary and Final Plat were submitted in July and reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council in August. The final plat includes the Divine Mercy campus as well as 12 residential lots to the north

of the ring Mercy Drive platted by Don and Jeanette Reuvers.

- The application for Rezoning and Planned Unit Development was reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council in August. The Planned Unit Development (PUD) allows the mixed uses of a church, education center site.

Watch for upcoming issues of *The Straight Story* for the latest information on:

- Land blessing and ground-breaking
- Site grading
- Selection of lender
- Process for carrying forward our traditions and treasures to the new church
- Site Reuse Task Force

### Upcoming Schedule

August 2007

- City approvals
- Selection of Lender
- Bids for site grading

September 2007

- Land Blessing and Ground-breaking
- Site Grading
- Work on design and development drawings for church and gathering space

## Presentation to Archdiocese

Fr. Kevin Finnegan, Lisa Sammon Roach, and Betty Thomes, along with the parish trustees, Bill Keilen and Carolyn Heskett met with the Archdiocesan Building Commission (ABC) this past July.

The presentation to the ABC detailed the master plan for Divine Mercy Catholic

Church and Education Center, as well as the first phase of the master plan to build the church and gathering space.

The presentation also included a summary of the capital campaign, financial projections of income and expense, total project costs,

architectural drawings.

Information was provided on the proposed schedule to complete groundwork this fall with a spring 2008 construction start.

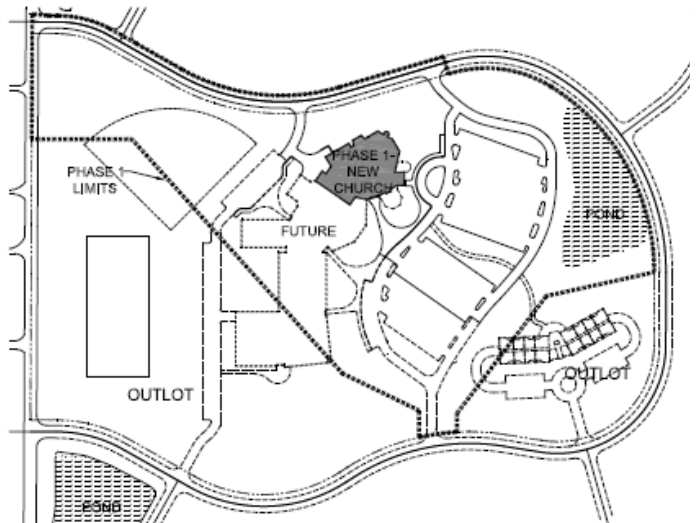
The ABC gave both positive and encouraging feedback with formal approval forthcoming.

## Site Grading Planned for Fall 2007

The Design Team is reviewing grading plan options to move forward with the grading of the site in the fall of 2007.

Upon completion of the plans and specifications for the grading, Langer Construction will competitively bid out the grading contract.

Site grading is planned for later in September. The completion of the grading will allow for the start of the construction in the spring of 2008.



## Lender Proposals Being Reviewed

The Building Project Finance Team has invited nine financial institutions to submit Proposals for the financing

on the first phase of our master plan.

The proposals will be reviewed by the Building Pro-

ject Finance Team and Finance Committee to recommend a lender for the financing on the first phase.

## Site Reuse Task Force

An important part of continuing with our master plan includes the reuse options for our existing buildings.

The Archdiocese has a partnership with United Properties in which they help parishes and schools find appro-

priate new uses for churches and schools. United Properties toured our existing facilities earlier this summer.

We are assembling a Site Reuse Task Force to evaluate options for our facilities. The immediate focus of this

task force will be reuse options for St. Lawrence Church and Rectory.

If you are interested in helping with this area, please contact Lisa at the parish offices at 334-2266 (ext. 11).