

## **New Rectory Update**

In last month's 'From the Pastor's Desk', Fr. Michael mentioned the pending construction of a new Rectory. The sale of the Pleasant Home property included the two homes that St. Teresa of Avila Parish has used to house our priests. As we looked at options to relocate, the most cost effective one is to build a new facility on our spacious 44 acres campus.

St. Teresa has been blessed with a parishioner who has offered to perform the task of General Manager of the construction project at cost with no fee. This individual has been building quality residential homes and light commercial buildings for over 25 years. This precludes the need to go through a bid process for a General Contractor with fee.

The Rectory Committee has been working the design of this project for over two years. Fr. Tom, Fr. John Markham, Fr. John O'Brien, and Fr. Michael have each provided guidance and direction to achieve a facility that will provide a comfortable home for our priests and seminarians now and well into the future.

The building is designed on the 'Homewood Suites' concept with a common area and four suites of equal dimensions. The centrally located common area will have flexible living space for small to medium group interaction with a family room that flows into a dining area, kitchen, and back screened-in porch. Two suites will be located on either side of the common area that will be accessible with private entrances from a hallway that also leads to two 2-car garages on either side of the building. Each suite will have a small kitchenette that flows into a study/sitting area, bedroom, walk-in closet, and handicap bathroom. The private space is a very important aspect of priestly life and the common area will allow for interaction with other priests and seminarians for social and professional development. The second floor will be plumbed for the addition of more living space as required. The exterior décor will match the main campus buildings (stucco and brick). The Rectory will be located to the upper right of the graded area beyond the sports field in front of the wood line.

If there are other parishioners who own and operate businesses who would like to offer their services at no cost to assist with this project please contact Tom Konitzer (706) 868-6814.

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