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St. Anthony of the Desert Church Council

NEWSLETTER

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Planning for a future NOW!

Over the last year the church building committee has prepared an extensive document of the status of our buildings and grounds. The church council with our new pastor received a formal presentation from this committee in December 2004 and have begun discussions on what steps need to be taken to institute a capital program to begin addressing the many needs of our property.

This comprehensive report was prepared as a power point presentation (slide show) depicting the areas of inspection and discovery where improvements are needed. Some, which have become obvious over the past several years, include the poor condition of our parking lots, lack of proper lighting throughout the grounds, an overhaul of the kitchen in the parish center,

painting of the interior of the parish center and religious education wing, carpeting replacement in all buildings, improved conditions for the choir, mechanical upgrades for the rectory, new windows & exterior doors for the rectory, toilet facilities for the church, an alternate means of egress for the second floor of the rectory (to the outside) among other items.

To completely capture the financial magnitude of these improvements would be to harness our effort around a capital program that takes into account parish resources, outside consultant services, current financial position of the parish (inclusive of the available spendable funds presently in trust) and a goal to initiate a capital program that comprehensively addresses all of the issues stated herein and those not noted for the

preservation of our beloved St. Anthony of the Desert Church, our legacy, and our property on North Eastern Avenue.

Beginning this year, 2005, the church council will convene with the intent to discuss and plan for this so needed capital campaign and I extend an invitation to the parish to make note of these meetings and to attend to listen and be heard as we move forward with our planning.

Due to the extent of the work required we would welcome active participation from within the parish of professionally skilled design and construction parishioners, providing an intelligent, diverse approach to the information gathering, to better serve the decision making, and interest of the entire parish.

Please refer to the upcoming "online" church bulletins @www.saotd.com for meeting details and we look forward to all who can attend and participate.