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Most Reverend Joseph M. Siegel, D.D., S.T.L.
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Your Excellency,

I'm writing to request you permission to begin the process of initiating a feasibility study for a possible capital campaign in order to fund identified capital projects at Good Shepherd Parish.

As you know from my letter of October 11, 2023, in December of 2021 we began a long-range planning study to identify facility and spiritual needs of our parish campus. As I indicated in my update email from February 6, 2024, we concluded this process with a town hall meeting on February 5, 2024 whereby we presented our Long Range Facilities Master Plan, compiled with the assistance of Hafer Design. The Master Plan has been well received by the parishioners thus far.

The Master Plan consists of a range of up to four phases with a variety of options within the four phases. At this stage, the primary phases and range of high-level estimated costs are \$15M - \$19.5M as follows:

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| ● PH1: Church/Nave Improvements | \$1,306,000 - \$2,953,000 |
| ● PH2: Preschool & Pre-K Addition & Misc School Repairs | \$3,106,000 - \$3,526,000 |
| ● PH3: Community Link (linking bldgs; offices; prayer space, etc.) | \$6,045,000 - \$7,628,000 |
| ● PH4: New Gym Addition | \$4,404,000 - \$5,392,000 |

Our parish council, finance council, and other consultative committees and key stakeholders have prioritized phases 1 and 2 of the master plan in order to address needed renovation and improvements in our church and the construction of Preschool and Pre-K facilities to eliminate the portable "pods" utilized on the campus today.

We anticipate that with the exception of \$661,000 dollars from previously restricted donations to Good Shepherd Catholic Parish, these items would need to be funded through a Capital Campaign. The feasibility study will help us refine these priorities and plans and determine what may be possible for our parish at this time. In conjunction with this effort, we have begun preliminary discussions with Martin Erspamer, OSB from Saint Meinrad Archabbey regarding the potential design of the interior of the church renovation.

With your permission we would like to evaluate and engage a capital campaign consulting firm to conduct this feasibility study and potentially guide us through a capital campaign.

With gratitude for your consideration,



Very Rev. Zachary J. Etienne

