

DRAFT Message to Parish from Vision Committee:

The GSP Vision Committee has been in effect since 2016, in accordance with the Sustaining Hope for the Future capital campaign. The parish completed the 3 year funding effort successfully from 2015 through 2017. The Vision committee continues to meet monthly with representation from each parish church. Primary goal of this committee is to ensure the best utilization of our parish facilities in accordance with key parish factors including: maintenance, attendance, future priest availability, education requirements, and evolving local population.

Last winter at this time of year, we had vision planning sessions at each parish church to gather your feedback. We then mapped goals in accordance with that feedback, most notably the desire to consolidate our parish assets, possibly into a new location for all parish activities.

In coordination with our planning partner, Bernardon Associates, we are still pursuing the best options for all goals. Bernardon has assisted us with gathering our goals into the visual model, allowing for pending factors to become clear for the parish. As many of you know, over the years we have explored with Father John Abrahams the potential utilization of “Abrahams Acres” in Port Deposit for this purpose. In cooperation with Father John, this was determined not to be feasible. We are thankful to him for his efforts to reach a final decision, and for his incredible support to this committee through the process.

The Vision committee will continue to pursue our parish goals assertively, with the assistance of Bernardon when required. Next steps include exploring potential land donations and sites, and further cooperation with our Building & Maintenance and Finance committees to clarify our best options for efficiency going forward. Feel free to reach out if you have questions, input, or wish to join our efforts.