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## COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SURVEY RESULTS

### Research shows enthusiastic support for Capital Campaign

More than 80 percent of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and School family who participated in a recent study say they will support a capital campaign to raise funds for new parish facilities and relocation to a site with more room for the parish to grow.

Guidance in Giving, which conducted the survey, provided results to Father David and Father Dayro, and to members of the St. Joseph Parish Council and Steering, Capital Campaign and Communications committees. This report summarizes those results for the St. Joseph Church and School family.

#### ***Survey Highlights:***

- 74% of survey respondents are positive about the parish preference to relocate.
- 81% of survey respondents say they will support the St. Joseph Capital Campaign.
- Guidance in Giving recommends proceeding with a campaign to raise up to \$3.2 million.
- A vast majority of respondents believe St. Joseph is a warm, friendly and inviting parish.
- Most respondents believe the parish's various spiritual programs have helped unify the community.

“We are happy to see that this survey proves something many of us in the parish have already seen – that we continue to grow closer as a family and a Catholic community,” Father David said.

Guidance in Giving reported that a significant part of the Athens Catholic community participated in the survey, either through in-person interviews or by completing and returning survey forms. GIG officials were pleased with the high response rate, based on their experience in conducting many similar research efforts, because they believe the survey results reflect an accurate picture of how the people of the parish want to prepare for the future of St. Joseph church and school. “I want to personally thank everyone for participating,” Father David said. “Your input provided us with information and insights we really need.”

Parishioners can view the full report from Guidance in Giving in the St. Joseph Parish Office.

The Capital Campaign Committee will announce plans for the campaign based on completion of the remaining architectural and site analysis.

Information on all aspects of *Forward in Faith ... a plan for our future* will appear in the Bulletin and the parish newsletter as it becomes available. You'll also find updates – including this special edition of the newsletter – online at the parish Web site: [www.stjoesonline.org](http://www.stjoesonline.org).