

## How Will We Pay for These Projects?

The parish will use the proceeds from the sale of the rectory on Sulky Dr. to pay for a portion of the Friary. The rest of the money will come from the sale of a house owned by the Diocese of Joliet in the parish of St. Bernard. Additionally, a monetary gift will be given by both the Diocese and the Augustinians.

The Parish Center will be paid by the parish with funds raised through a Capital Campaign. We know that this project can be accomplished, as we are committed parishioners who want the dream of the past twenty years to become a reality. The Parish Center will meet our needs and provide space for the growth of our community. It will be a gift to our parish family for the celebration of our Silver Jubilee in 2021.

## One in Mind



## Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish, call ourselves to be the **LIGHT** of **CHRIST**, leading all to unity with God. We do this by our community worship and celebration of the Sacraments, prayer at home with our families, sharing our joy and responding to the needs of others.



**Our Mother of Good Counsel, pray for us!**



# OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

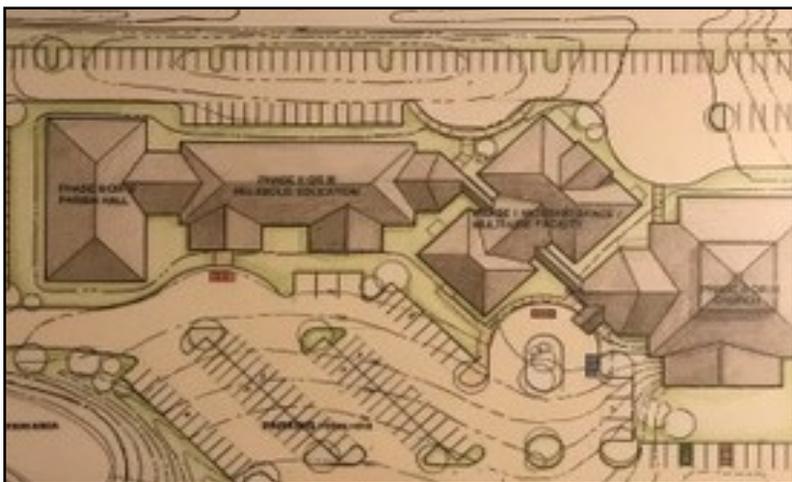


# BUILDING OUR FUTURE

## Our Past

Before we look at our future, let's journey back to our origins:

- ◆ July 18, 1996, Bishop Joseph L. Imesch established a new parish
- ◆ A daily Mass chapel and an office were set up at the Ace Hardware Plaza on 159th Street
- ◆ The first Mass was celebrated on Saturday, August 31, 1996, at 5:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria of Homer Junior High School on Bell Rd.
- ◆ In April, 1997, the Planning Committee approved the purchase of a house on Sulky Dr. to serve as the Rectory and Parish Office
- ◆ November of 1997, development of a concept plan for the construction of a permanent building for worship and office space to be located at 160th & South Bell Road
- ◆ Parishioners had a vision for a Parish Campus as depicted below



- ◆ Bishop Imesch consecrated the space now known as the church and parish offices on March 30, 2001

In 2005, a Needs Survey Assessment was completed. The results showed that the greatest need in the parish was an activity center. The need still exists and the idea was brought up at a town meeting in 2015 and in 2017.



## What's Next?

### Proposal of Building a Friary on the Church Grounds

Today, the Diocese of Joliet and the Augustinians see the need to have a Friary on the parish grounds. It will be big enough to serve the needs of the Augustinians who live in community.

### Proposal for Building a Parish Center

#### Why Do We Need a Parish Center?

We have been renting buildings at the cost of \$ 9,500 a year to house our Religious Education Program at Homer Junior High. Our young people deserve a program that can be on our parish grounds. This will give us the opportunity for more classroom time, a safer environment, and the ability to visit the church during our sessions for hands-on learning.

We will be able to host our annual Santa Breakfast.

We can celebrate Easter, Christmas and other Masses simultaneously when necessary.

#### For What Other Purposes Will This Building Be Used?

We would be able to use the building for faith formation and exercise classes during the day for our seniors. We may use the building for such events as funeral luncheons.

We will have space for meetings and other activities that can be held at the same time, hosting two or three groups.

Other parish events can be hosted in the building such as our Lenten Soup Suppers, youth activities, fundraisers, Spaghetti Dinners, and parish dinners.

These are just a few of the reasons why we desperately need a Parish Center which will promote the future growth of our parish.

