

## **St. Aloysius Catholic Church**

Bowling Green, Ohio

### **Gathering Space/Church Renovations**

#### **Parish Development**

- Long-Range Advancement Plan (LRAP)
- Comprehensive Plan for St. Aloysius Parish
- Identify parishioner needs and major challenges
- Develop creative solutions and clear direction for the future
- Process
  - One-on-one interviews
  - Input from people attending input sessions
  - Input from parish planning team
  - Input from who submitted written input sheets
  - Input from Parish convocation
- Six (6) planning areas identified

#### **Strategic Plan**

- Administration & Finance planning team
- Existing conditions
  - Church constructed in 1923, 7214 sq.ft., seating for 400; historically significant
  - (Former) Rectory constructed in 1958 currently used for administrative offices, meeting space
  - School constructed in 1959-60, 20,418 sq.ft.
  - Clare Hall constructed in 1965, 2,793 sq.ft.
  - Parish rectory located in residence on Clough Street.
- Prior studies reviewed.
- Program space
- Staffing and administration
- **Identified capital improvements**
  - **Church Improvements**
    - **Air Conditioning**
    - **New Space for Cry Room, Music Room, Storage**
    - **Church Interior Renovations**
  - **New Assembly/Gym**
  - **Renovate Hartmann Hall**
  - **Land Acquisition**
    - **Parking**
- Financial Plan
- Capital Improvements Prioritized
- Action Plan

## Proposed Project Elements

### Design Objectives

*Protect the Church's historical artistic heritage balanced with the requirements of contemporary worship. (Built of Living Stones; Guidelines of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops)*

- Welcoming, inviting spaces
- Storage
- ADA Compliance

### Church Interior Renovations

- Air conditioning
- Mural restoration
- Upgrade lighting
- Painting
- Flooring (restore tile under altar)
- Refinish seating

### New Welcome Center/Gathering Space/Renovation of Existing Spaces

- 3125 sq.ft. first floor addition with 900 sq.ft. second floor (including stairs)
  - First Floor
    - Anticipated seating for 75-80 persons at tables (i.e., funeral luncheons, multi-purpose)
    - Enter at ground level with ramp to level of main Church.
    - Enter Church through existing side (north) entrance
    - Men's and women's restrooms
    - Janitor's closet
    - Reuse existing stained glass windows in north wall of cry room
  - Second Floor
    - Stairs in location of existing restrooms (Hartmann Hall foyer)
    - Sacristy storage
    - Music room
- Approximately 700 sq.ft. of renovated space
  - Expansion of existing sacristy (vesting) into corridor; renovate to maximize space and storage
  - Open existing cry room to new space (one step difference in floor level). Retain existing wood ceiling.
  - Ability to partition cry room space from new space to create two spaces
  - Audio/visual equipment for viewing Mass and presentations

### Exterior Elements

*Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken. (Secretary of Interior Guidelines)*

- Complement existing architecture
- Reuse architectural elements when practical (windows)
- Secondary entrance (existing door) on west side creates inner courtyard. Maintains separation between new and old spaces.
- Create ADA entry to Hartmann Hall from parking lot (facing north between school and new space).