

**St. Anne & St. Jude
Parishes**
One Faith - One Family
Campaign

**CAMPAIGN
NEWS**

August 2007

- **Website.** We have been working very hard with some very hardworking volunteers to develop the website. Unfortunately, our Webmaster has been lost to us due to work and personal obligations. If you have expertise in developing or maintaining a website, we need you! The website is integral in getting information to parishioners. We are in dire need of such assistance. If you think that you can help, or know someone who can, please contact us immediately.
- **Diocese Approves Hiring Architect.** Rob Montgomery has been retained by St. Anne and St. Jude parishes with the approval of Bishop Baker for the next design phase. He is specifically charged with:
 1. Refining the land use plan to utilize fifty (50) acres for our church, hall, education and administration facilities; and
 2. Giving us a schematic and drawings to refine the concept of the facilities and working with our parishes to determine what we need and how it should look.

On August 14th, he came to Sumter with his assistant. He met with the Architecture Action Committee which is chaired by Jim Field, walked through all of our facilities including St. Jude, St. Anne, St. Francis Xavier High School and toured the grounds again at 521.

At his meeting with the FCCC Committee, he presented items for the Committee's input as below:

1. **Use of Current Items.** We are interested in preserving the stained glass windows from St. Anne Church, the garden statuary from St. Jude, the marble statuary alters and any other fixtures of note or significance from the parishes for the new facility.
2. **Seating Patterns.** The Committee advised him that regardless of the shape of the seating arrangement, we would prefer to have the last pews closer to the altar than further, the acoustics of the interior church need to be very good and the seating arrangements should accommodate smaller groups without looking "lost" in the larger church.
3. **Placement of the Tabernacle and Baptismal Font.** The Committee members are to study and understand the church teachings and guidelines on these issues before making final recommendations.
4. **Choir Loft.** The choir loft should be in the back with room to accommodate instruments. The sanctuary will be large enough to accommodate a cantor or special musicians.
5. **Bell Tower.** The design should accommodate a future bell tower.
6. **Overall Appearance.** The Committee asked that the new church "fit in with Sumter." We know what we do not want – something from the southwest (rustic) or too modern, for example. We want it to look like it belongs here and brings our heritage forward. We asked the architect to look at our current churches, some other facilities around Sumter and the tomb of Natalie Delage Sumter (one of the smallest Catholic chapels in the world). Above, all he was told that this new church on Hwy. 521, is the church, not a temporary one.

7. **Location of the Church.** Part of his main charge is to refine the land use plan to specifically determine a location for the Church on the property. He is to make recommendations for review.
 8. **Hall/Education and Administrative Facility.** Pursuant to our last newsletter reporting on the visit to the Church of God, we have asked him to give us his best thinking on what economies we may be able to obtain by having a complex instead of two separate buildings while maintaining a strong Catholic Church appearance.
- **Time Frame.** In December, the architect will have completed plans for the review of the land use plan and of the basic design of the facilities. From that standpoint, we will have a much clearer idea of the full construction cost of the project. (We will not know the ultimate price until the plans are sent out for bids). If his plans are accepted by the Diocese, it will then take him twelve (12) months to fully design the project and get the plans ready to send out for bid. The bid process can take several months. The beginning of construction would depend on the contractor's contract and schedule.

Current Architectural Elements of the Sumter Catholic Community



Natalie Delage Sumter
Chapel



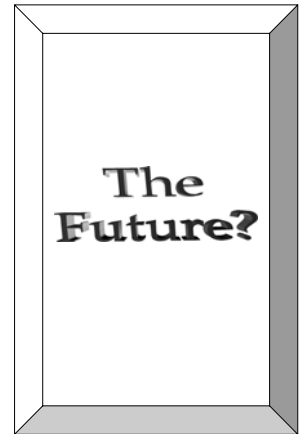
Ella Tuomey
Mausoleum



St. Anne Church



St. Jude Church



Campaign Totals

Start-up Money	\$247,992.35
Received	\$1,153,151.29
Non-Pledged Money	\$27,448.27
Bank Interest	\$47,700.65
GiG Expenses	(\$58,812.59)
Diocesan Campaign	(\$134,975.45)
Bank Fees	(\$410.28)
Misc. Expenses	(\$7,424.43)
Total on Hand (8/13/07)	\$1,274,669.81
Total Pledged to Date	\$2,320,151.56

Sale of St. Anne Property

There have been over 1000 "hits" on the realtor's website. He continues to get 2 or 3 inquires per month regarding the buildings. He is continuing to follow up on those.

No offers, as yet, for the St. Anne property.

If you have any questions about our Campaign, would like to make a pledge or if you would like to volunteer, please call St. Anne Church 803-773-3524 or St. Jude Church 803-773-9244.