

June 1, 2015

Dear Parishioner:

For the past two years, the Facilities Working Group has been studying the physical needs of Saint Mary's Parish and School. Having met with various St. Mary's community groups, the Committee is now proposing certain renovations/additions for our Church and School.

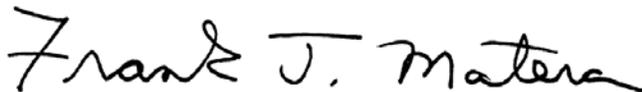
I would like to hear from you and your family regarding your feelings about the proposed project that would include the construction of a new, divisible Parish Life Center, a relocated Parish office and Music/Art room. Among other things, the plan also calls for the renovation of the lower Church and creation of a Library from existing space at the school. Additionally, we plan to make improvements to our entrance and access driveways and provide handicap access to the upper and lower church. I have enclosed a document detailing each of the changes being considered and it includes several artist color renderings of the project. Please review the enclosed "Project Explanation and Renderings" and "Frequently Asked Questions" summary in detail.

After you review, I ask that you complete and return the enclosed survey in the return envelope provided before June 19. You may return your response via the mail or drop it in the offertory collection either this weekend or next. The survey is also available to complete on-line at [www.stmarysimsbury.org](http://www.stmarysimsbury.org).

Please be assured that all responses are anonymous and will be used as a guide to me, the Parish Council, the Finance Council, the School Board, the Facilities Working Group and the Trustees as we begin to plan for this major St. Mary's community project.

I look forward to publishing the results of this survey in July 2015. Thank you for your attention to this important request. You and your family are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank J. Matera". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reverend Frank J. Matera  
Pastor