



From: Stained Glass Committee, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

To: Parish Pastoral Council, Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Subject: Request to Diocese of Owensboro for Permission to Purchase and Install Stained Glass Windows

Date: December 18, 2008

At the request of Father John Thomas, this committee has begun preliminary work to determine the feasibility of, and cost associated with, the purchase and installation of stained glass windows into our church sanctuary. We have met several times, and hosted an on-site visit from one stained glass manufacturer. This inquiry has given us an estimated cost of around \$300,000 for all windows in the main church (requirements list is Attachment A).

We recognize the significance of stained glass windows to many parishioners, and feel that as we complete payment on the initial construction loan we should now work on their acquisition and installation. We have considered the impact of separating a fund-raising effort for windows from the overall parish development goals, particularly in this time of economic stress, and feel that it is truly a distinct project, and should not be used as an incentive to get people to contribute to the overall development project. Additionally, significant planning is not required for this project – the window sizes are established, we have an initial thematic concept, and could quickly begin artistic consultation and let a contract for fabrication and installation.

Given the high visibility of the large window facing 9th Street, our intent is to give that window the highest priority, with a goal of installation by the beginning of Advent 2009.

The Stained Glass Committee requests authorization from the Parish Pastoral Council to present our request for fund-raising and acquisition of stained glass windows for our church to the Diocesan Office of Administration and the Priests Presbyteral Council for approval to proceed.

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