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Election Novena Prayer Intentions

Monday, October 26 through Wednesday, November 4

Each day's intention is followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Day One: Monday, October 26
As we prepare for the national & local elections, in the midst of a global pandemic, may our political engagement be guided by our Catholic faith.

Day Two: Tuesday, October 27
In this month of the Holy Rosary, may Our Blessed Mother guide us in confronting racial inequalities and restoring peace in our communities.

Day Three: Wednesday, October 28
May all Americans recall the necessity of dialogue, civility, and humility in this election season.

Day Four: Thursday, October 29
May all people understand the moral and ethical dimensions of political decisions and decide accordingly.

Day Five: Friday, October 30
May voters & elected leaders uphold the dignity of every human life in their political engagement.

Day Six: Saturday, October 31
May Catholics recall all aspects of Catholic social teaching as they consider their votes.

Day Seven: Sunday, November 1
May there be a transformation of politics to focus on the dignity of the human person and the common good.

Day Eight: Monday, November 2
May we keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens.

Day Nine: Tuesday, November 3
Today, as we approach the polls, may we understand & embrace the principles of our faith that guide our political engagement.

Closing: Wednesday, November 4
May the leaders elected this week be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions.

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Campus Building Committee (CBC)

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

The CBC meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by chairman John Simecka. Gary Roth led us in an opening prayer.

Members present were John Simecka, Kent Francis, Kevin Fox, Pat Verschelden, Gary Roth and Jim Mees.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the bids that were opened last week. The bids were solicited by our project manager, AHRS Construction, Inc. Kent Francis attended the bid opening. The preliminary estimates prepared by AHRS in July was $1,382,156.00 and the final bids beat that amount slightly and came in at $1,355,791.00.

We were generally pleased with the bid prices, however, we felt that a number of areas should be re-bid in order to secure additional bidders. The total of $1,382,156.00 was approved for contract signing with the understanding that three areas of concern would be re-bid in order to obtain more than one bid in each area.

Also discussed was the need to sign remaining contracts for the stained-glass windows, the kitchen equipment and audio-visual system for the Centennial Building. It looks like the total budget should not exceed our original expectations.

The expected start date is November 9, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. following final prayer.

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Jim Mees, Secretary

Special Note: Farmers, whether you itemize or not, can get a tax break by donating agricultural products directly to the Building Fund. See last week's Leaven or talk to your tax return preparer for more details.