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PARISHIONER AND SCHOOL FORUM REPORTS

All St. Thomas More employees, school parents, parishioners, and 7th and 8th grade students at STM School were invited to participate in feedback sessions and forums designed to provide insights into the important elements of our community that must be maintained, areas that can be improved, and ways that each member of our parish family can participate in improvement efforts. More than 280 persons participated in this process.

A summary of the input that was provided in those sessions and forums is available on our website (www.stmchurch.org). If you do not have Internet access, you may secure a copy of the report from the Parish Office.

Because the forums were generally designed for parishioners or school parents, the report has sections entitled “STM Parishioners” and “STM Schools.” Input from school faculty and staff members and our 7th and 8th Graders was incorporated into the STM Schools Report. Although that may seem a bit counter to the idea of “one STM,” we recognized that there are school parents, faculty and staff members, and students who are not parishioners and that there are parishioners who do not have family members currently directly associated with any of the STM schools. We will work diligently to ensure that all our efforts are coordinated and that we continue to encourage active collaboration among all members of the STM community to advance the notion of “one STM.”

These thoughts do not represent final decisions reached in any of these areas nor do they necessarily represent a parish-wide consensus or mandate on any topic presented, but they will provide direction as the strategic planning process continues.

As the input from those sessions and forums is processed and the strategic plan is developed, all STM family members will receive updates and calls for assistance in achieving its objectives. We have already begun several initiatives based on ideas presented, including:

- Entering into an agreement with MESH to develop an STM branding/marketing campaign;
- Requesting interested firms to submit qualifications to conduct a campus master plan;
- Developing an enrollment management plan to improve retention and increase applications to STM schools; and
- Beginning an effort to devise a campus-wide advancement plan to maximize financial support for STM activities.

If you have any questions about the content of the summary provided or the direction that we are heading, please contact me (greg@stmchurch.org). I would be happy to follow up with you in a personal meeting.

Thanks to all for your collaboration as we become “one STM” community!