

**SAINT PAUL'S  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND**

**NEW EVANGELIZATION CENTER**



**JULY 2009**

## Vision

Saint Paul clearly understood that spreading the gospel message was not his job alone; rather it was a *partnership* of all the believers. As Catholics, we are called to increase knowledge of the



Catholic Church, deepen faith in God and Jesus Christ, and to share the many rich traditions of the Catholic Church. Our community at St. Paul's has grown since its founding in 1836, thanks to a partnership among Pastors, lay personnel and many generations of parishioners. This partnership made it possible for us to renovate and build the addition to the old St. Paul's School building (Dohony Hall) in 1995. In the year 2000, the beautiful addition to our 1838 church was completed. Over the years, the faithful have made it possible for us to establish many ministries and programs to benefit every person who walks through our doors. These programs would not be possible if it were not for the "*partnership* for the Gospel from the first day until now." (Phil 1:3-5)

A new partnership was formed at St. Paul's Parish in 2007 to implement the newly developed and Archdiocesan-approved *Master Plan*. The plan includes handicapped-accessible restroom facilities (completed in 2008), an expanded entrance for the parking lot, and a New Evangelization Center (NEC). The statue pictured here is a gift from an anonymous parishioner to be housed in the NEC as a statement and reminder that all who enter our campus are evangelists like Saint Paul. We ask every parishioner of St. Paul's to join our new partnership. Please help us to be true evangelists like our patron, Saint Paul.

At the beginning of the third millennium, Pope John Paul II an apostolic letter proclaiming a New Evangelization for the Catholic faith community. As stated in the conclusion of his "*Let us go forward in hope! A new millennium is opening before Church like a vast ocean upon which we shall venture, relying on help of Christ. The Son of God, who became incarnate two thousand years ago out of love for humanity, is at work even we need discerning eyes to see this and, above all, a generous to become the instruments of his work. On this journey we are accompanied by the Blessed Virgin Mary to whom, a few months ago, in the presence of a great number of Bishops assembled in Rome from all parts of the world, I entrusted the Third Millennium. During this year I have often invoked her as the "Star of the New Evangelization". We need to imitate the zeal of the Apostle Paul: "Straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:13-14)." In honor of the Pope John Paul II proclamation we are naming our new parish center the New Evangelization Center (NEC).*



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## **BENEFITS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**Flexible teaching space for youth & adults!**

- ❖ State-of-the-art facilities for sharing our Catholic faith ministries
  - Spacious and efficient rooms
  - Technology-equipped meeting space
  - Dynamic environment for small and large groups
- ❖ Improved Use of Campus Facilities
  - Increased availability of Dohony Hall for parish-wide events, including luncheons, parties, receptions, & other gatherings
  - Diminished wear-and-tear of existing facilities
  - Minimized reconfiguration of Dohony Hall

**Enjoy fellowship with our St Paul family!**

**More programs for the entire family!**

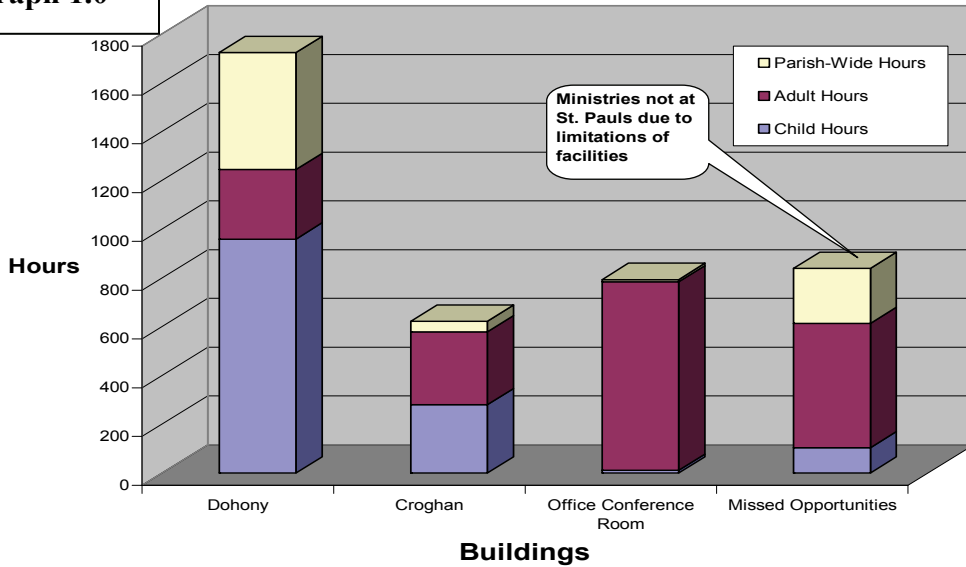
- ❖ Anticipated activities and events in the NEC
  - Adult Bible Study
  - Alcoholics Anonymous meetings
  - Archdiocese seminars (for catechists certification)
  - Children and young adult religious education classes
  - Children's Church
  - Church Leadership Institute Courses
  - Community training such as CPR/AED and babysitting
  - Grief Ministry
  - Guest lectures for adults
  - Historical Committee
  - Job Loss Support Ministry
  - Light Weigh Ministry
  - Married Couples Ministry
  - Meetings for existing and new parish ministries
  - New Parents Ministry
  - Pro-Life Ministry.
  - RCIA classes
  - Re-membering Catholics
  - Sacramental preparation courses
  - Social Justice Ministry
  - Special youth activities
  - St. Vincent DePaul
  - Theology on Tap
  - Training for catechists and STAND
  - Vacation Bible School
  - Women's Club
  - Yoga Ministry

**St. Paul's – a thriving, energetic, and evangelizing community!**

- ❖ Over 1000 non-liturgical events every year
- ❖ The NEC will be the centerpiece of our evangelization efforts
- ❖ A home for our parish family

**Current Yearly Use of Parish Facilities (non-liturgical)**

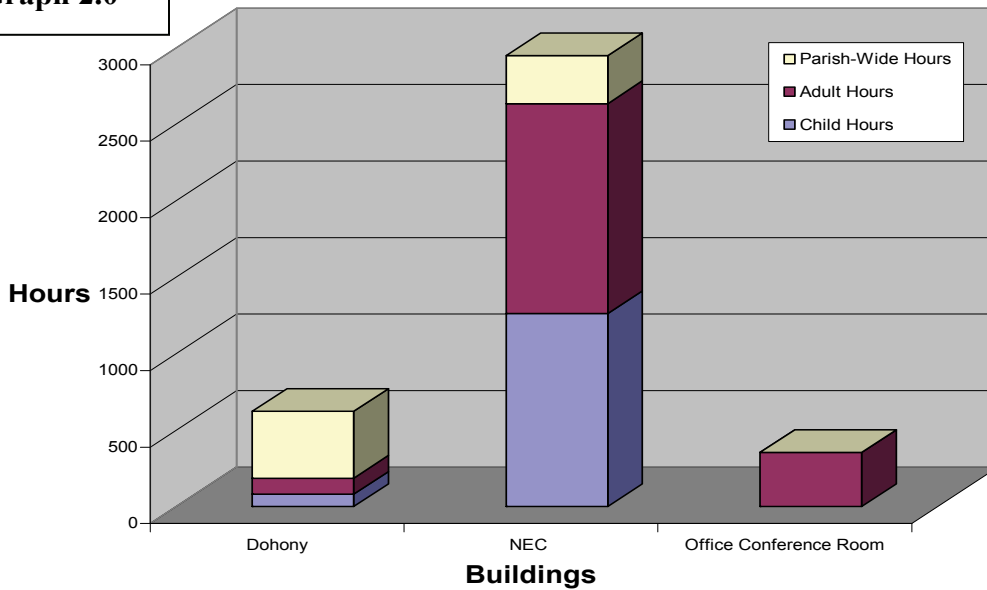
**Graph 1.0**



Dohony Hall is an over-used meeting space, requiring numerous reconfigurations each week, (ref Graph 1.0). Croghan Hall is not an efficient or effective meeting facility. There are approximately 800 hours per year of new ministry opportunities lost at St. Paul’s Parish due to limitations of current facilities. The majority of these are adult-oriented ministries.

**Yearly Use of Parish Facilities With NEC (non-liturgical)**

**Graph 2.0**



Most of the ministry and educational meetings will be moved to the NEC. This frees up Dohony Hall for more parish-wide activities, and the parish office conference room can be used more by the Pastor and lay staff. As depicted in Graph 2.0, the NEC use will be shared between adult and youth-oriented activities.

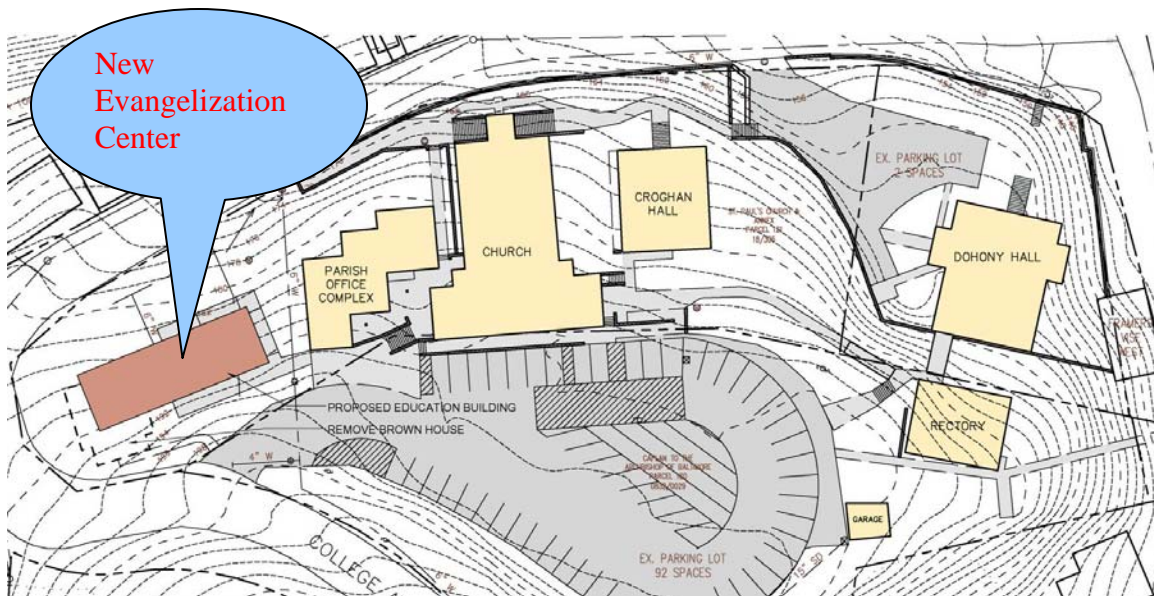
## **Building Features**

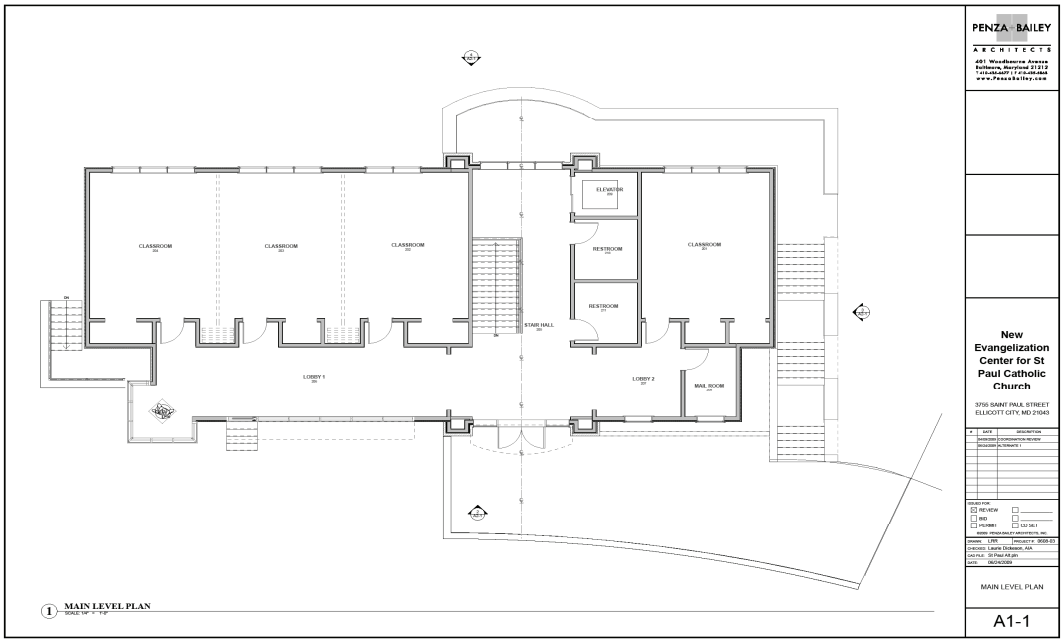
The visually appealing NEC will compliment our beautiful historical site, lovingly known as the “Jewel on the Hill”. Visitors will have a positive first impression of St. Paul Parish and know we are a thriving evangelizing community which respects and cherishes the traditions of the Catholic faith.

The NEC will be an attractive 2-story facility erected over and beyond the footprint of the Brown House. The NEC will be built into the slope of the property.

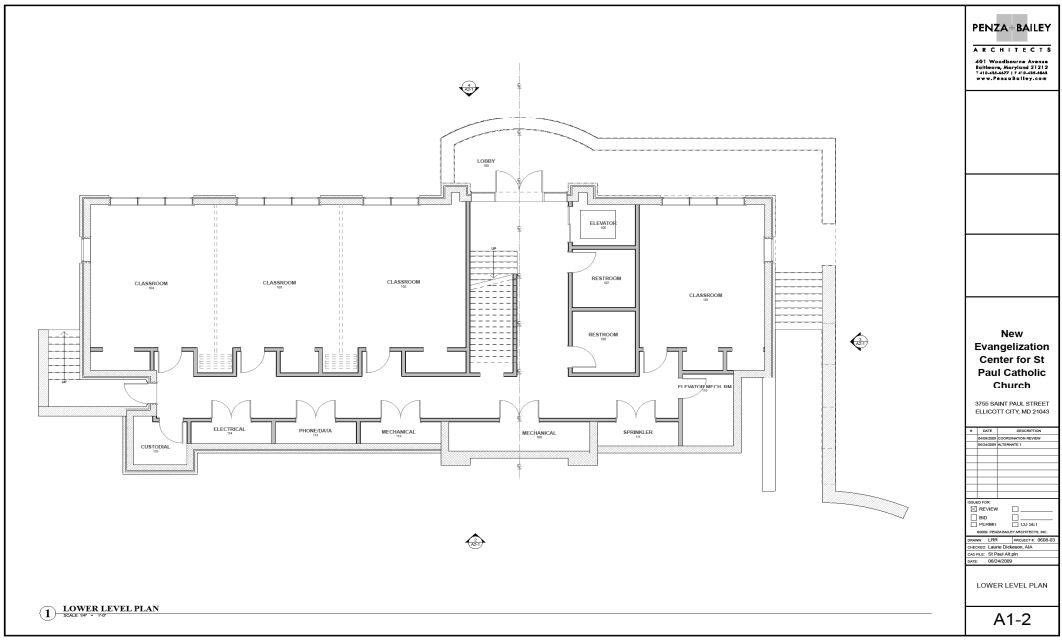


The NEC project includes significant expansion of the existing entrance which will mitigate safety concerns. A stone wall will separate the parking lot from the building access pathway.



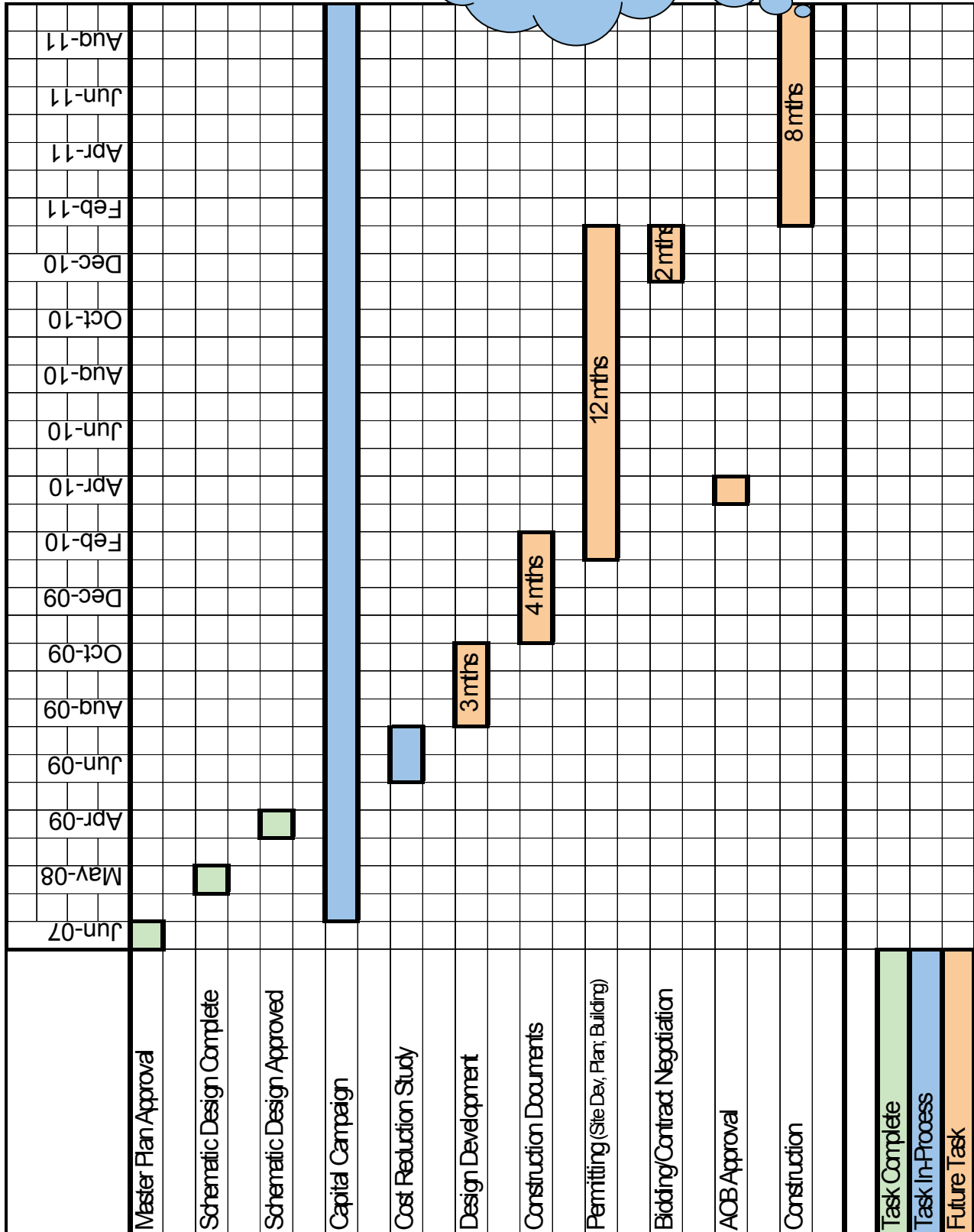


Design features include the capability for eight (8) classrooms, each with built-in storage. Wide stairways will allow safe flow of occupants between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. An elevator is planned to provide handicapped access to both floors. Flexible space on the top floor with moveable, sound-deadening walls will allow reconfiguration for use by many programs and ministries. The NEC lobby will provide ample room for gathering. The Saint Paul statue will be visible from inside and out. Large windows will allow abundant natural light throughout the building and a panoramic view of historic Ellicott City. The NEC will provide a safe, accessible environment for all age groups using the space. Handicapped-accessible restroom facilities will be provided for males and females on both floors.



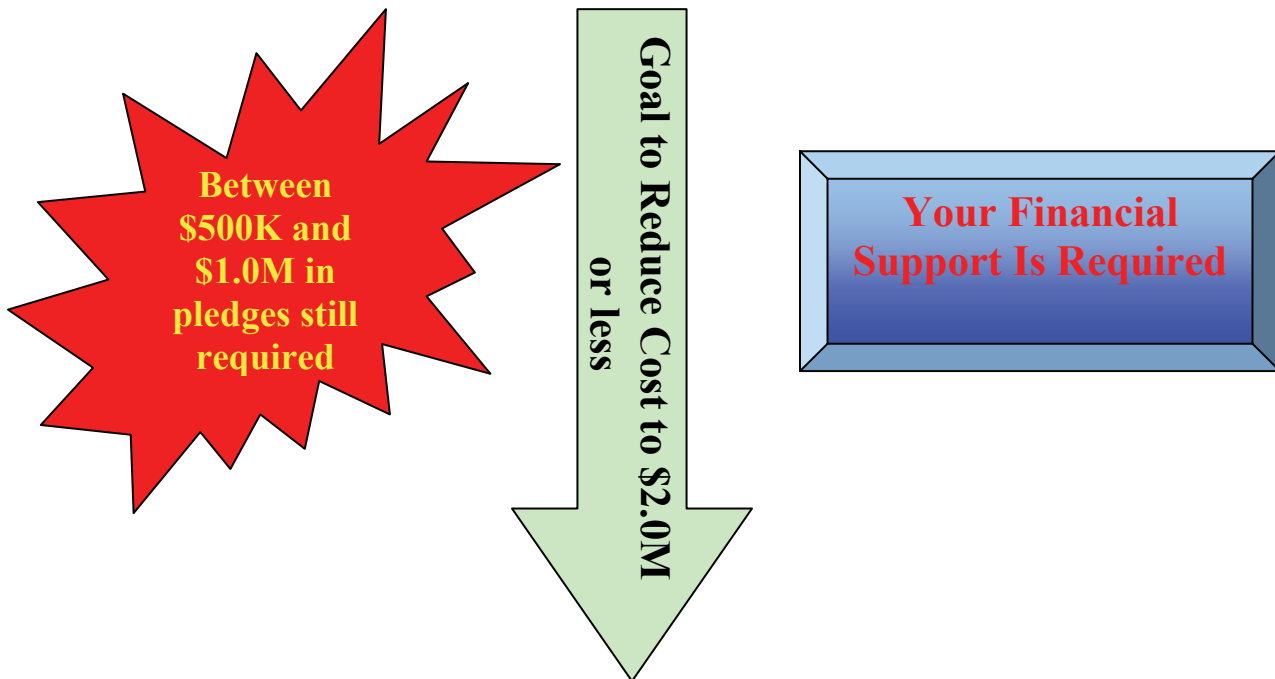
# Proposed Schedule

NEC  
 Finished and  
 Ready for  
 Use  
 September  
 2011



**Funding Profiles**

Estimated Cost April 2009	
Site costs	\$497,975
Building costs	\$1,542,540
“Soft” costs (non-construction)	\$430,043
Furnishings / equipment	\$12,000
<b>Total Estimate</b>	<b>\$2,482,558</b>



3rd Century Campaign Status June 2009	
Total Amount Pledged/Gifts	\$ 1,037,373
Total Families Making Pledges/Gifts	415
Total Amount Collect Against Pledges/Gifts	\$ 582,900
Church Savings That Could Be Used For NEC	\$ 450,000
Total Cash On Hand For NEC	\$ 1,032,900
<b>Total Pledges and Savings For NEC</b>	<b>\$ 1,487,373</b>

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP**

- ❖ **Pray for the success of our project.** The Catholic Church and the members of our Parish desperately need St. Paul's Parish to be a role model for the "New Evangelization" of our faith community.
- ❖ **Support this project financially.** If you have not had the opportunity to financially contribute to the project, please pray and consider making a contribution. Contributions can be either a one time donation or a pledge to our Capital Campaign spread over time. A pledge card is attached for your use. If you have already made a pledge and/or gift please consider an additional gift or increase to your pledge.
- ❖ **Volunteer.** Serve on one of the committees working to make the New Evangelization dream come true. Opportunities include the Capital Campaign subcommittee, or Building subcommittee.
- ❖ **Memorials.** Much as the earlier parishioners of St. Paul's Parish did with our beautiful stained glass windows, you can leave your mark on our church for generations to come. Consider making a contribution as a lasting memorial to your family, or in memory of a deceased family member. Contact a committee member for more information.

## **FAQ**

### ***Why this proposed site for the new building? Why not demolish Croghan Hall and build the new building there?***

- ❖ Although construction on the proposed site will require removal of the Brown House, it is currently unoccupied by the Parish, and is of less historical significance than Croghan Hall.
- ❖ The historical significance of Croghan Hall inserts the political process and the cost of the demolition into the timeline of the new construction project, complicating the project and adding cost. Building on another site separates the ultimate disposition of Croghan Hall from this new building project.
- ❖ The Croghan site is smaller and steeper than the proposed site. A new building on that site would be required to be a greater distance from the Church than Croghan Hall currently is, further limiting the area available for construction. The new building would be on a very steep part of the site, where construction would be more expensive. Croghan Hall is closer to the church than current codes will allow a new building to be, without more costly modifications to increase the fire-resistance rating of the building.

### ***Won't the building's proximity to the road and entrance drive create an unsafe condition for pedestrians entering and exiting the NEC?***

- ❖ Although the NEC will be closer to the parking lot entrance than the buildings currently used, it will be farther from the drive and road than the existing Brown House is. Both physical and procedural measures will be taken to ensure the safety of everyone who uses the new building.

- ❖ It is envisioned that the pedestrian approach to the building will begin in front of the existing Parish Office building. A wall will separate the approach to the building from the vehicular drive, making it impossible for someone to leave or enter a car directly in front of the building.
- ❖ Procedurally, a system will be developed to define vehicular waiting areas and appropriate locations for loading and unloading passengers.

***Why is the building on two levels?***

If there was an adequate level area of our site on which to build, the design would be for a one-story building. Space on our campus is very limited. The building site is sloped (as is most of the campus), and not that large. A one-story building would need a much larger footprint, and would be dug deeply in the ground on one side and extended far above the ground at the other, like a building on stilts, resulting in increased foundation costs. Another positive benefit of reducing the building footprint is the reduced storm water load. It covers less of the land with materials impervious to the absorption of rain water, which is also better for the environment. The two-story building also lends itself to zoning of mechanical systems by floor, resulting in greater efficiency.

***Are any “green”, or sustainable, building features being considered?***

Sustainable building features can reduce long-term operating costs while improving the quality and health of the environment for building occupants. Some sustainable strategies can add initial cost, however, and may not be compatible with a limited construction budget. Where sustainable strategies do not affect cost, such as the use of adhesives containing no V.O.C.s (volatile organic compounds) for indoor air quality, they will be incorporated. Other strategies under consideration may actually reduce initial cost, such as a green, or planted, roof, which would provide storm water quality management (a County requirement) and eliminate the need for expensive site work to create a bio-retention area, which would be difficult and expensive because of the topography. Another consideration could be the use of a tankless water heater for the lavatories, eliminating the need to constantly maintain a tank of hot water for only very limited periods of use. These and other strategies will be evaluated for their cost and benefits as the design proceeds.

**Thank You**

To all of the pastors, lay staff, and dedicated parishioners who have supported St. Paul's Parish in the past 170 years, **Thank You**. Your faithfulness and energies have lovingly ministered to the Ellicott City community. Special thanks to all who have been supporting and working on this current NEC project. We pray to God, through his Son, Jesus Christ, for Blessings on all of our parishioners, past and present. Please pray for the success of our NEC project and consider financial support of the New Evangelization Center. We truly need the support of everyone of our parish to bring the NEC to reality. Every member of our present and future faith community will benefit from the NEC.

Please help us to be true evangelists like our patron, Saint Paul.



*Let us go forward in faith!*

To provide financial support, please detach and send to:

**St. Paul's Catholic Church**  
**3755 St. Paul Street**  
**Ellicott City MD 21043**



Please make checks payable to:

**St. Paul's Capital Campaign**

- I (we) pledge a total gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I (we) have enclosed a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I (we) prefer the following payment schedule:
  - Monthly
  - Quarterly
  - Annually
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - I will contact Pastor/Parish personally

My (our) pledge will be paid over the next  
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<b>Name:</b>	
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The parish has my (our) permission to publicly thank me (us) by: [check all that apply]:  
 Bulletin  Website

*Please list my (our) names on reports as follows:*

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**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIFT PLANS TO CONSIDER**

Pledge Payments	10 % down payment	12 quarterly payments	36 monthly payments
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$2,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$3,750	\$1,250
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$1,875	\$625
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$750	\$250
\$7,000	\$700	\$525	\$175
\$5,000	\$500	\$375	\$125
\$3,000	\$300	\$225	\$75

**WHAT DOES MY PLEDGE COMPARE TO?**

A pledge of \$4,000, with 10% down, and contributions over 3 years will amount to \$100 per month, or about \$3.30 per day. How much do we regularly spend on other items?

		per year	for 3 years
Lunch out each work day	\$7 per day	\$1,750	\$5,250
Starbucks coffee	\$3 per day	\$750	\$2,250
Dinner for two, twice a month	\$150 per month	\$1,800	\$5,400
Pizza for four, delivered	\$26 per week	\$1,352	\$4,056
Orioles game for two	\$60 per game	\$360	\$1,080
Raven's game for two	\$200 per game	\$400	\$1,200
Movie, popcorn & Soda for two	\$35 per month	\$420	\$1,260



Preserving our past and building  
for a new Century of Faith.

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