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Leading up to the Christmas holidays for the Finance Committee had been a particularly busy and rewarding time. We are happy to report that an additional \$800,000 has been pledged and we are now at \$3.4 million with \$1.8 million received. Now that all our parishioners have returned and in many cases the children are safely back to school, please be prepared to receive initial and in some cases follow up calls from members of this committee and me. We look forward to working with you to share the details and excitement and to answer your questions associated with the development of our new St. Demetrios Church.

Your Development Committee, responsible for the design and construction of our new parish has been extremely busy even working through the holidays. Among the most pressing activities have been the refinements to the design of our Architect, a finalization of the temporary worship space design, and the establishment and execution of a selection process adopted to yield the best Construction Manager. This company is required to work in harmony with the committee and the designer to produce our project on time and on budget. Once again the Development Committee has gone far above the normal expected levels of commitment for the good of the project. Tom Gatzunis and his group of parishioners have set in motion a selection process that involved weeks of volunteer time, intelligence, knowledge and hard work. I cannot tell you how proud I am of their selfless professional approach. We hope to have an announcement soon for the entire parish.

Have you visited the www.StDemetriosWeston.org website recently? Your Communications Committee, having designed and completed the superb brochure and other printed material you have received before the holidays, has now begun to focus on our website which already has some links to the building project, but soon will be source of much more information. When we commence construction, updates will be available and we plan some webcams you can login to view construction in progress. Keep an eye on this page for continuing announcements on progress in all these areas and more.

Don't forget we need your help! Please respond to our calls for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a church that will serve many generations to come!

Peter Bassett