



## Important Notice – Please read Safety & Security Project Updates

December 11, 2016

The St. Dominic Safety and Security Committee has been working steadily to provide campus-wide enhancements as part of our *Sharing the Vision* Campaign. Below is an update of completed projects:

- The fire alarm system in the school has been replaced with added enhancements.
- External doors have been numbered for emergency responders.
- Church evacuation procedures have been created and communicated with all campus safety procedures
- Dual handicap doors have been installed at the south church entrance.
- School main entrance has been reconfigured and updated with security features.
- A new state-of-the-art intercom system has been installed in the school.
- The number of interior and exterior controlled access doors on campus have increased to 9.
- A video surveillance system has been installed with 14 hard-wired, strategically placed, state-of-the-art cameras with video capabilities.
- Maintenance room ventilation has been upgraded to allow doors to remain secured.

### Current project: **Additional controlled access doors and rekeying of all doors**

A safety and security goal is to control access to our facilities through limiting doors and limiting the distribution of keys for uncontrolled doors. This translates into changes in behavioral patterns for all who use our facilities. For example, beginning December 27, for most activities in the church, other than normal weekend Masses and larger events, we will ask everyone to communicate to participants to enter using the south main church doors. The use of the north church doors should decrease almost entirely. The same policy applies to the school. Most traffic will enter through one of three controlled doors: school main entrance, PAF or PAAC. To see a map of camera locations and controlled access doors, please see the website.

#### **NOTICE:**

**Re-keying all external and internal doors will take place during the Christmas break. Current keys will no longer work after December 27, 2016.** Please dispose of any existing keys. Any parishioner who needs access to our facilities as part of their volunteer leadership role, will need to submit a request form (available in the parish center, school office or on our parish website under ADMINISTRATION/FORMS) to Amy Whittenberger, Director of Administrative Services, in the Parish Center. She'll make arrangements with you to pick up your new key(s). If you need access to our buildings during the Christmas break, please call Amy at the Parish Center at 262-781-3480, x. 253 or [amy.whittenberger@stdominic.net](mailto:amy.whittenberger@stdominic.net)

#### **Safety and Security next steps:**

- Upgrades to the Parish Center entrance
- Installation of Interior evacuation and room number signage
- Installation of safety film on all doors campus-wide
- Planning of future additional video cameras and controlled access doors

Our strategic plans are to continue to develop, practice and refine 24/7 emergency plans campus-wide, including active shooter, fire, tornado, bomb threats and more.

As a reminder, please take time to review the church evacuation maps and procedures and learn more about how we are working to protect our children and our entire valued faith community by visiting <http://www.stdominic.net/Administration/Facilities.asp>. If you have comments or suggestions for the committee, please don't hesitate to contact Amy Whittenberger, [amy.whittenberger@stdominic.net](mailto:amy.whittenberger@stdominic.net).