

SAVE ST. PAUL CHURCH

A LETTER FROM PARISHIONERS

We are a group of 150 parishioners of St. Paul Church in Pass Christian who call on Father Dennis Carver and Bishop Roger Morin to **reconsider the decision to abandon St. Paul Catholic Church in downtown Pass Christian** in favor of building a new facility north of the city in the unincorporated area of Pineville.

In light of the news of the rebuilding of all of the other churches in the city of Pass Christian, and the Catholic beachfront churches of St. Thomas in Long Beach and St. Michael in Biloxi, and **considering the harsh economic times that we are facing**, we believe that the time is right for you to re-examine the decision to not restore St. Paul Church.

St. Paul Church can be completely restored to its previous condition for less than two and a half million dollars which we have pledged to raise for this project. The new church that you are proposing in Pineville will cost no less than eight million dollars, and we suggest that to spend that much money on a facility that will be no larger than the existing church makes no sense as our parishioners are dealing with economic hardships. The new church has also been staunchly opposed by its neighbors.

All of the churches of other faiths have recognized a **commitment to the City of Pass Christian** and are in the process of rebuilding their former structures.

We implore you not to abandon the town where we have worshipped for over 150 years. It is time to come together and reconsider the decision for our town, our community, and our parishioners. Please find it in your heart to take a new look at this issue.

Save St. Pauls, Inc.