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Audrey Paul is a believer. At 84, she has been a member of St. Francis Borgia Parish all of her life. All four of her children, five grandchildren attended and two great grandchildren attend St. Francis Borgia School. "I was in on the ground floor building the first one," she said. "I strongly believe that examples are set when your children are young. It's what they are going to fall back on when things go sour." She has seen the parish grow and good people become active within the church, which she believes will only get better with a central location for the E&AC. "I feel that there is so much more emphasis on the idea of giving and the idea of being involved in charitable things," she said. "I think as a society we're doing better on that score."

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Kathleen Schilter is a believer. As a mother of five, ages 4 to 22, she believes building the E&AC will be felt for generations to come. "Sixty to eighty years from now there will be another need, and hopefully they'll take the reins just like we're doing right now," she said. "For us, it is a desire for our kids to have the opportunity to have their faith with them every day, and for Christian Formation, it's huge as well. You might not know it growing up, but you take your faith with you. The foundation has been laid."

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Vince Ruzicka is a believer. The 17 year-old senior at Cedarburg High School attended St. Francis Borgia School and then attended Christian Formation classes at SFB during his time in high school. Teachers at St. Francis "pushed us in the direction of doing a good job and grounding me," he said. "The school ingrained that in me, and the Christian Formation supported it and made sure it lasted through high school and into college." He said two of his younger siblings who attend St. Francis Borgia School are thrilled about the prospect of a new facility. "They're excited about it," he said. "It's going to be nice to have an updated learning environment for them."

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Julie Mossberg is a believer. As a parent of a son in Kindergarten and a daughter in third grade, she believes her children are getting an amazing education through special experiences at St. Francis Borgia School. "We feel blessed to be part of this parish and school," she said. "I don't think that I could improve on the spiritual aspect of this place, but I know that we need to improve on the physical place." She sees the E&AC will improve access for those with disabilities as well as allow for future growth which will attract new families. "We believe that this project is worth fighting for," she said.

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Bob Ferree is a believer. As a member of the St. Francis Borgia Pastoral Council, Bob has worked hard to keep the momentum for building a new school on the front burner for parish leaders. "I believe that parochial education as far as the church is concerned is the stepping stone to better children in general," he said. "I was disappointed when it wasn't completed, and we've already contributed money, but I'm confident in the leadership team and I'm 100 percent backing this project as I always have."

WE BELIEVE

Denise & Jeff Prom are believers.

With two of their three sons graduates of St. Francis Borgia School and a third son in fifth grade, Denise feels the Education and Activity Center could be a positive symbol of hope that the Catholic faith is alive and well in our community. "At a time where there's so much negative pressure and input about our faith, we need to stand up and say our faith in God is deep and strong," she said. "Building the E&AC is a way for us to say this is important to us ... it's an outward statement that Jeff and I both really believe in—it is a statement about our trust in God." She acknowledges the disappointment felt by many parish members when the project was put on hold, but she herself never lost conviction about the project. "We always knew the E&AC needed to be built but back then it just wasn't in God's plan, and we trust His plan" she said. "I really believe now is the time."