

Graber further examines some of the negative effects that seating had on the church, specifically the social classes that seating options defined:

**“The social hierarchy from the town square became the social hierarchy within the church. Whereas before people constantly mingled in an ever-shifting, always moving group, now, with seats, people began to distance themselves from one another. Given a more controlled space, people asserted their rights and privileges for the better seats. With it, equality began to break down.”**

Additionally, Graber argues that the act of adding seating to churches changed churchgoers from being active participants to stationary observers:

“Without chairs, they had been actively involved and engaged by moving along with each element of the service, but as they sat down they became passive viewers---spectators in an audience. The service became something to watch.”

So, where do you stand (or sit)?

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### Building Redevelopment Status

As of the writing of this article, we are awaiting the counsel of our diocese and their national consultant, who have reviewed our developers Letters of Agreement. We anticipate the diocesan advisory board, the national church’s consultant, along with Bp. Eaton, to offer their observations within the next couple of weeks. When further information comes forward, we will share that news with the parish. Please keep this process of building reconstruction and parish transformation continually before you in prayer.

### Cypress Point Community Garage Sale

On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30a.m., we will join with our surrounding Cypress Point neighbors for the annual neighborhood garage sale. Items are now being collected at the church. We are especially looking for toys, sporting goods, tools, appliances, small furniture items, etc. **NO CLOTHING PLEASE.** You may drop off your donations (tax donation forms are available) by stopping at the office to acquire a key to the house, next to the parish hall. Baked goods are also needed on the day of the event. Weekday office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.



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### Friday Fun Night for March

Our March Friday Fun Night will be held at the Rectory on the 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00p.m. Fr. Bernie and Sylvia will be our hosts for a wonderful evening of good fun and fellowship. Please bring with you some guests, an appetizer, favorite beverage and an attitude for fun. Directions to the Rectory will be posted as we get closer to the date.

### Directions

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"