

WILL ERECT NEW CHURCH

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Building Committee Is
Organized In Saint
Sebastian's Parish

MEETING HELD

Quarter of Cost Sought In Canvass of Parish

Plans for the erection of a new church for St. Sebastian's parish were given impetus during the past week by the organization of a special building committee to work in conjunction with the pastor of the parish, in prosecuting this work.

The committee is headed by Hon. Joseph H. Gainer, chairman, with Bank Commissioner M. Joseph Cummings as secretary and Father Craig treasurer, the other members of the committee being John P. Hanley, Dr. Henry McCusker, Thomas J. Meehan, Thomas E. Prendergast and Andrew F. Quinn.

The first meeting of the committee was held January 30, and plans were made for a canvass of the parish.

A letter has been sent every member of the parish, setting forth the details of the proposed program.

The plans include the erection of a new church, with the main entrance on Lloyd avenue, the new building to be connected with the present church edifice. It is the intention of the pastor to use the present altar, stations of the cross and windows that are now in service. It is believed that a year will be sufficient for the completion of the work.

Upon completion of the new church, the present chapel will be converted into a gymnasium. There is also the possibility that a kindergarten will be established in the present structure.

The present plans are so arranged as to allow for the erection of a school building on Lorraine avenue adjoining the present church, at some later date.

The estimated cost of the work planned is \$100,000 and a special effort will be made to raise at least one-quarter of this amount within the next six weeks.

The program received the enthusiastic approval and support of the parishioners present at the meeting, and they are convinced that in view of the urgent need of the proposed work and the wisdom of starting it at this time, it will receive likewise, the hearty endorsement and support of the entire parish.