

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saints Peter and Paul Pastoral Center Building Project

Reference for Plains Builders Inc.

To Whom It May Concern,

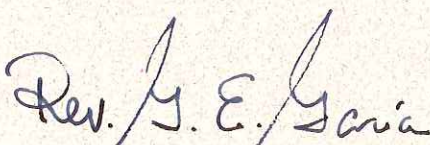
Recently a large construction project was completed with Plains Builders, where Plains Builders was contracted to build a multipurpose building replacing two older buildings. The project increases the size of the facilities and utilization of space for business offices, record keeping, meeting rooms, a Chapel, religious education offices, class room, and a very large multipurpose meeting area. Throughout the project, the owners of Plains Builders and site construction superintendent were instrumental in taking time to understand the history of Parish, the efforts made up to the point of contract signing, and discussing the needs of our Parish and Vision for the future. Plains Builders also offered many Value Engineering items that saved tens of thousands of dollars of project expense initially, while understanding and presenting the pros and cons versus a balance between cost savings and functionality – providing for informed decision making.

During the construction phase and near completion additional flooring was added as it became apparent a previous cost cutting decision to omit flooring was going to leave an unfavorable appearance to the building. This was a joint observation and decision making process. PBI was instrumental working with preferred vendors securing material and labor adding several thousand feet of flooring and seal coating to the job scope – being cost effective, and managing the overall schedule.

As with any project there are changes – both considered by the owners and builder. Carefully looking at the expenses of the proposed changes and understanding those effects on cost and schedule was key to project completion. Change management is important to both the owner and builder for many reasons. During construction a sub-contractor may have made an honest error, which were caught by the site superintendent, and corrected before creating larger issues. The site superintendent was also constantly engaged with the sub-contractors, ensuring quality work, efficiency, and safely completing the building project without any incidents. Also, on several occasions PBI owners and project manager would point out specific items where they knew the end product would not be acceptable. These items were always discussed and we worked through many of them without additional cost to the project. PBI worked very well with sub-contractors in managing these changes and follow-ups to ensure the Parish had a quality product in the end, and something we (The Parish of Saints Peter and Paul are very very proud of in all aspects.

In summation Plains Builders was a pleasure to work with, and a highly valued partner in making our Parish Vision into a reality.

Yours Very Truly,


Rev. Gabriel E. Garcia

Pastor

