CHALLENGE

Oviedo, FL – Like many new churches in Florida, Most Precious Blood Catholic Church spent its early years housed in a rented school cafeteria while plans were underway to establish a permanent home. Growing rapidly in a region with a strong Catholic community presence, by 2009, both the church and the Diocese of Orlando Synod recognized the need to speed construction plans. Their expanding congregation of over 1,300 families needed more room, planned by the Diocese to be seated on a 59-acre property bordering a nearby forest preserve.

Impressed with a successful church building project in the nearby town of Celebration, church planners turned once again to Mobile Modular for an effective modular solution to help make the cost and construction of Most Precious Blood more manageable. Constructed on a 30-acre parcel of the available property, the centerpiece of the campus would be a 21,000 sq. ft. permanent sanctuary. With the help of Mobile Modular, much of the campus remainder – including a youth center, parish office and multiple classroom/meeting rooms – would be represented by modular construction. This would enable the church to complete their large Parish Life Center on time and on budget, while simultaneously providing them with options to expand outlying buildings as the church’s needs continue to grow.

Most Precious Blood and the Diocese of Orlando had specific requirements for their buildings; they would need to be reliable, attractively compatible with the appearance of the rest of the campus, and would need to provide the experience of a permanent facility. Customizations would likely be required, from kitchenette installations to custom doors and other fixtures. Energy efficiency, minimized land use and other green features would also be important. Most of all, the new units would have to be successfully installed and ready to go by the time the main sanctuary was completed.
SOLUTION

Drawing on our prior experience with the needs of Catholic churches and schools in Florida, as well as our prior relationship with the Diocese of Orlando, the appropriate Mobile Modular products were not hard to identify: our standard modular construction system, and our popular Campus Maker Hybrid classrooms. Designed with a standard feature set to meet nearly all of the church’s needs, the Hybrid would offer an extremely versatile and attractive solution for Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Fashioned as a “modular village”, the complex would sit to the side of their new Parish Life Center, with an ample view of their large central Bethlehem Courtyard. All single story modular units, the village would be comprised of six buildings: the administrative St. Philip Neri Parish Office (60’ x 52’) and the new Saint John Bosco Youth Center (36’ x 56’), facing four adjacent 24’ x 36’ Campus Maker classroom/meeting rooms. The two large buildings would be constructed using Mobile Modular’s standard modular office designs. Kitchenettes, restrooms and additional storage were installed in the parish office and youth center buildings. Solid doors were replaced with more attractive doors that included outside facing windows and panic and safety hardware.

From nine foot ceilings in the classrooms and attractive exteriors, to high efficiency climate control and a side-by-side arrangement system that reduces the cost of plumbing and electricity installations, the Campus Maker Hybrid provided the ideal modular solution for the Most Precious Blood Catholic Church: versatile, expandable, and ideally suited to their long-term growth needs.

The project design called for over 8,832 sq. ft. of six (6) Campus Maker Hybrid modular buildings, a modular administrative, classroom/meeting room and multi-use building for Saint John Bosco Youth Center.