

The following is the text of the announcement presented by the parish Buildings & Properties Committee at all the Masses on the weekend September 16, 2018 regarding two major initiatives that we have undertaken in the parish. A copy will also be posted to the Parish website.

The first involves the former Convent building and the house adjacent to it. The Convent has developed a large crack in the exterior wall which has made the building structurally unsound. To remediate this condition and bring it into code will cost approximately \$250,000. There are other deficiencies in both the Convent building as well as the house that we have not priced but will be substantial. This will seriously cut into our savings and perpetuate a maintenance cost of about \$25,000 per year, all for buildings we do not need. We have explored the option of selling the properties but have not attracted a buyer. We also explored the option of demolition but the estimates we obtained were far higher than the remediation. Fortunately, a developer has come forward with a proposal to assume all of the costs associated with the deed transfers, permitting, rezoning, subdivision and building a wall to separate the building from the school if we transfer the properties to this company. We are now under agreement for both properties with the developer whose intention is to convert them into apartments. We have presented the plan to the Diocese and received approval to move forward. The city has been contacted and the necessary approvals are moving through the process. It's anticipated that we will transfer the deeds in early December with the construction beginning shortly thereafter. This project will result in no out-of-pocket cost to the parish, the elimination of on-going costs and the preservation of \$250,000 in our savings account.

The second project involves the lower church. We have experienced the collapse of a portion of the floor due to dry rot of the supporting beams. This was caused from moisture infiltration, including condensate seeping down along the walls from the air conditioning units in the upper Church. Temporary repairs have been made to alleviate this condition and work has been done to restore the floor. We have also developed a plan to divide the lower church into three units. We intend to separate the church into a chapel and large social room while maintaining the existing meeting room. This will involve building a wall, reconfiguring the pews in the chapel and removing the pews in the social room space. The intent here is to make up for some of the space we'll be losing in the Convent by reducing the size of the lower church which is not fully utilized. The diocese has conducted a liturgical review of the plans and has given us the approval to proceed. Currently we are awaiting a consultant's report providing us with spatial relation drawings for both areas. We will then be in the position to proceed with the construction portion of the project. The cost for the project including the floor repairs is estimated to be in the \$120,000 to \$150,000 range. Any questions concerning these projects should be directed to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council who are listed on the front cover of the bulletin. Thank you in advance for your patience for any inconveniences that may arise as we proceed through the projects.