

September 21, 2024

Dear Parish Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to discuss an important development concerning our parish's future and the critical need to enhance our administrative facilities. We are considering purchasing a new rectory located on the property adjacent to our parish grounds and renovating the current rectory for use as parish offices.

The necessity for this project arises from the growing administrative needs of our parish. Currently, our administrative operations, including those of the pastor, parish administrative assistant, parish secretary, and deacons, are being temporarily accommodated within the religious education building. This situation is not sustainable in the long term. We also need dedicated meeting spaces and additional storage space for all our ministries and parish operations. Transforming the current rectory into parish offices will address these space requirements, while the detached garage will provide much-needed storage.

To ensure transparency and community involvement, we held two parish town hall meetings over the past nine months, the most recent meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024. This meeting was called because about a week before we had been made aware of a house that is for sale on D Street which is adjacent to our property. In light of the fast-paced real estate market and the Diocesan process there was a sense of urgency to move quickly to inform and seek feedback from the parishioners about this opportunity. Hence the meeting was called. The days following the meeting the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils met independently to discuss and provide me with their recommendations.

Input from various ministry leaders has been invaluable, as they shared their space needs with the Facilities Task Force and the architect conducting our space needs analysis. Though the timing of our communications could have been better, the majority of the feedback throughout the year has been supportive of the efforts and this opportunity.

With the recommendation of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, input from parishioners, recommendation of the Facilities Task Force and the sense of urgency due to the fast moving real estate market, I will be submitting our request to the Diocese asking for their consideration to purchase the property on D Street, convert the existing rectory into office space and convert the existing garage into storage area.

Once we receive approval from the diocese, negotiations for the new property will begin, with the goal of closing the purchase as soon as possible. The finalizing of the design for the office space in the current rectory will commence immediately thereafter, with renovations expected to be completed by the summer of 2025.

We acknowledge the need for continued communication and involvement from our parishioners as we progress. Your understanding, support, and prayers are invaluable as we undertake this endeavor to improve our parish facilities and better serve our community.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to our parish.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jesus Guerrero
Parochial Administrator