

ST. PIERRE JOLYS CATHOLIC PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the years, our parish has received many blessings and during this time parishioners have been involved in the rebuilding of the Church infrastructure (1980), rectory, as well as ensuring a vibrant pastoral life existed within the parish. Five years ago, the Archdiocese of St. Boniface announced a visioning process to implement recommendations by the parishioners who participated in the Arise groups in 2013-2015. A steering committee followed the diocese's 'Guide for the renewal and growth of parishes'. A survey was distributed in the community and an action plan was prepared and implemented by the PLT (Parish Leadership Team). In September 2019, the guide was revised and a Parish Pastoral Council was appointed by Archbishop LeGat.

Concurrently, the Economic Affairs Council (EAC) of the Saint-Pierre Parish was being faced with ever-increasing costs to operate the rectory as it has major structural deficiencies and requires other upgrades. The rectory presently houses an apartment for the parish priest and the parish office; however, most priests today prefer to have other housing arrangements, and the rectory is not well configured for parish use. It led the EAC to strike a sub-committee in 2017 to investigate options that would be in the best interest of the parish.

The EAC solicited opinions and comments from parish members regarding the possibility of selling the rectory and the adjoining land and whether they should pursue the project. Answers given underlined the need to find practical solutions concerning lodging for the priest and parish offices. It was also understood that, if the sale were to occur, it had to ensure that the utilization of the property took into consideration the surrounding institutions.

Since 2018 the land that could possibly sold was surveyed and a professional evaluation of the property was obtained. Important discussions as well as potential sale arrangements were made with the Saint-Pierre Manor since it had indicated a serious interest in acquiring the rectory property.

Presentations to inform the parishioners of the results of the discussions with the Manor took place in late June, 2020 and steps are being taken to determine, by democratic vote the position of the parishioners on the question of selling the property to the Manor. Providing there is a clear and significant majority of parishioners in favor of the sale to the Manor, the Parish Council will proceed to obtain diocesan approval and to conclude the sale of the rectory property.

Today, I certainly believe that God wants to continue to bless our faith community. It's very important to realize that God wants to help us write the next chapter of our parish through our prayers and participation on a unified front. Before making a decision on the sale of the rectory, it is important to undertake a **needs assessment** that will provide enlightenment on what is in the best interest of the parish for its pastoral programming, its space requirements and operational needs. The result of this assessment will give the parishioners more clarity on the decisions that need to be made for the future.

The survey will follow.

Peace and Prayer,
Fr. Robert Laroche

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Mission Statement: Arise! Follow HIM – reach out to others!

PAROISSE CATHOLIQUE SAINT PIERRE JOLYS

Chers paroissiens,

Au fil des années, notre paroisse a reçu de nombreuses bénédictions et pendant ce temps, les paroissiens ont été impliqués dans la reconstruction de l'infrastructure de l'Église (1980), du presbytère, ainsi que pour assurer une vie pastorale dynamique au sein de la paroisse. Il y a cinq ans, l'archidiocèse de Saint-Boniface a annoncé un processus de vision pour mettre en œuvre les recommandations des paroissiens qui ont participé aux groupes Arise en 2013-2015. Un comité directeur a suivi le «Guide pour le renouveau et la croissance des paroisses» du diocèse. Un sondage a été distribué dans la communauté et un plan d'action a été préparé et mis en œuvre par le PLT (Parish Leadership Team). En septembre 2019, le guide a été révisé et un Conseil pastoral paroissial a été nommé par Mgr LeGat.

Parallèlement, le Conseil des affaires économiques (CAE) de la paroisse Saint-Pierre était confronté à des coûts de fonctionnement de plus en plus élevés, car il présente des lacunes structurelles majeures et nécessite d'autres mises à niveau. Le presbytère abrite actuellement un appartement pour le curé et le bureau de la paroisse; cependant, la plupart des prêtres préfèrent aujourd'hui avoir d'autres modes de logement, et le presbytère n'est pas bien configuré pour une utilisation paroissiale. Cela a conduit l'EAC à créer un sous-comité en 2017 pour étudier les options qui seraient dans le meilleur intérêt de la paroisse.

L'EAC a sollicité les opinions et les commentaires des membres de la paroisse concernant la possibilité de vendre le presbytère et le terrain attenant et s'ils devaient poursuivre le projet. Les réponses données ont souligné la nécessité de trouver des solutions pratiques concernant le logement du curé et les offices paroissiaux. Il était également entendu que, si la vente devait avoir lieu, elle devait veiller à ce que l'utilisation du bien prenne en considération les institutions environnantes.

Depuis 2018, le terrain éventuellement vendu a été arpenté et une évaluation professionnelle de la propriété a été obtenue. Des discussions importantes ainsi que des modalités de vente potentielles ont été conclues avec le Manoir Saint-Pierre puisqu'il avait indiqué un intérêt sérieux à acquérir la propriété du presbytère.

Des présentations pour informer les paroissiens des résultats des discussions avec le Manoir ont eu lieu fin juin 2020 et des démarches sont en cours pour déterminer, par vote démocratique, la position des paroissiens sur la question de la vente de la propriété au Manoir. Pourvu qu'il y ait une majorité claire et significative de paroissiens en faveur de la vente au Manoir, le Conseil Paroissial procédera à l'obtention de l'approbation diocésaine et conclura la vente de la propriété du presbytère.

Aujourd'hui, je crois certainement que Dieu veut continuer à bénir notre communauté de foi. Il est très important de réaliser que Dieu veut nous aider à écrire le prochain chapitre de notre paroisse à travers nos prières et notre participation sur un front unifié. Avant de prendre une décision sur la vente du presbytère, il est important d'entreprendre une évaluation des besoins qui fournira des éclaircissements sur ce qui est dans le meilleur intérêt de la paroisse pour sa programmation pastorale, ses besoins en espace et ses besoins opérationnels. Le résultat de cette évaluation donnera aux paroissiens plus de clarté sur les décisions à prendre pour l'avenir.

Le sondage suivra.

Paix et prière,

père Robert Laroche

Énoncé de vision: Dans l'esprit du Renouveau, nous souhaitons raviver notre foi et être de vrais disciples.
Énoncé de mission: Lève-toi! Marchons avec Lui – Allons vers l'autre!

October 6th, 2020

Dear Members of the CPP,

RE: Meeting with the Archbishop Albert Le Gatt September 28th at the parish of St. Pierre-Jolys

Our Archbishop, being concerned with the wellbeing of our parish and the development of the pastoral needs of parishioners, decided to call a second meeting concerning the Manoir Project.

During the first gathering of September the 10th the presenting team did not have a chance to present the project they formulated as planned. It is with this in mind that the Archbishop called two members of the CPP and CAE to be present to this listening session concerning the Manoir Project. The focus of this meeting was to understand the reasons behind the sale of the rectory and the adjacent land. This information had already been presented to the parish in late June and early July and was also available at the back of the church in both official languages for all to read and discern. It is at this time that new information came forward where the presenting team tried to address the possible needs of a gathering space for future activities. Questions of clarifications were then presented by the attending members to the presenting team to further the conversation.

One of the guests invited to the meeting was Julie Turenne Maynard who is a well-known facilitator. Over the years, Julie has helped several church groups discern important issues and projects involving parish life. By helping people to bring resolutions to projects she enabled parishioners move forward as they dealt with the pastoral needs as they saw them.

As the pastor, I felt we needed a good mediator to help us understand, discern, and resolve the issues we now face in our own parish. Therefore, I asked Julie to accept to guide us through this project by providing a process to help us move forward.

You presently have documents outlining the first step in this process. The focus is to understand our spiritual and pastoral needs for the near and distant future. Once this is done, parishioners should be able to see if the project, as presented, will help us achieve our goals for the future development of our parish.

Fr. Robert Laroche, OMI

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PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AD HOC COMMITTEE responsible for the future of the rectory

Project - Sale of rectory and adjacent land September 28, 2020

In attendance : Monseigneur Albert Le Gatt, Richard Fréchette (Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface), Julie Turenne-Maynard (Facilitator), Denis Fillion (EAC), Jennifer Maczuga (EAC), Meg Madden (PPC) Pascal Tymchen (PPC), Léo Leclair (ad hoc committee), Edmond Labossière (ad hoc committee), and Father Robert Laroche

1 Introduction / Prayer by Father Robert

19 h 06

Father Robert Laroche introduces Julie Turenne-Maynard, the facilitator, and Richard Fréchette.

Outline of the evening.

2 Opening Remarks by Archbishop Le Gatt

Recap on the previous meeting.

3 Presentation on the sale of the rectory and adjacent land

- Edmond clarifies the intention behind the email sent after the September 10th meeting.
- In 2017, the EAC began thinking about the future of the rectory. The committee was aware of the costs associated with the impending repairs of the rectory.
- A third party offered to purchase the rectory and land. After in-depth discussions, the Manoir St-Pierre offered to purchase the rectory and adjacent land. The EAC began to prepare a presentation to propose the project to the parishioners.
- Messages were posted in the bulletin asking the parishioners for feedback.
- Leo explains that he, Edmond, and Denis have now become an ad hoc committee of the Economic Affairs Committee.
- Due to COVID-19, the presentation was put on hold until July 2020. Negative feedback on the project surfaced during the third presentation. A vote was potentially scheduled for September 2020.
- A meeting to discuss the concerns that were brought forward during the last presentation never took place.
- In June 2020, the EAC agreed to go forward with presenting the project to the parishioners.
- The September 2020 vote was postponed to make room for another presentation, which would clarify some details and misconceptions.
- During the third presentation on June 30, 2020, new ideas for pastoral space were brought up.
- The Ad hoc committee is developing a study regarding additional space.
- Edmond refers to the Proposal Document. See *Appendix A*
- The intent is to maintain the integrity of the rectory.
- The original Proposal Document was attached to the bulletin in mid June 2020.
- Edmond adds emphasis on the fact that this will be a democratic decision.
- Father Robert Laroche asks if a study of the marshland below the church will be conducted. Edmond explains that the land would not be an issue.

- Richard Fréchette asks if the Parish does not want the new rectory and office space, would the parish receive cash instead. Edmond and Léo explain that if there would not be a need for the office and residence, it would have to be renegotiated in the agreement. There would not be cash. The priest's residence will always be available for the first 72 months, even if the priest chooses to live elsewhere.
- Richard Fréchette asks where could the Parish expand? Denis and Léo explain that there is a fair amount of land around the church, with lots of room for expansion.
- Julie Turenne-Maynard asks how far the Manoir is in its financing process with the government. Léo says they cannot move ahead until they have the land.
- Pascal Tymchen asks if the Parish is still in enough financial distress to require the money from the project. Have the finances been revisited since the addition of the third mass? Denis answers that the project was not put in place for financial need, but more because the rectory is in dire need of repair. Père Robert Laroche explains that the rectory is no longer adequate.

4 Diocesan considerations concerning parish projects

- The diocese will prepare a document with its considerations.

5 Action plan to move forward

- A needs assessment is required to understand the pastoral needs, the concerns and the space requirements. Due to COVID-19, the needs assessment may be done online or in smaller focus groups and will then be presented to the PPC and EAC.
- Denis outlines three possible scenarios for the rectory:
 1. status quo, which is basic upkeep and renovations to the rectory 11k per year + 70K for the short term renovations.
 2. build a small hall with office space (1800 sq), which would be roughly 300K+
 3. sell the property, as outlined in the proposal presented to the parishioners in June 2020.
- The decision on the rectory and adjacent land is put on hold until the pastoral needs assessment is completed, which should take no longer than two months.
- Julie will meet with members of the CPP and the CAE to create the needs assessment.

6 Final Comments

- Denis expresses that we do not want any ill feelings towards the project and offers to meet with anyone who may want to clarify some concerns.
- Bishop Le Gatt asks whether the commentary and considerations are still required. Yes, this will help Julie facilitate the assessment.

7 Closing remarks

Thoughts from Pascal and Edmond about the division within the parish.

8 Prayer / Adjournment 21 h 05