

The sale of the rectory property was officially finalized on October 5, 2022!

Here's a brief historical recap:

- In 2017, the Economic Affairs Council of the Saint-Pierre Parish (the Finance Committee) began pondering the question: *Should we do like other parishes and sell the rectory and surrounding land?*
- During the period of 2018 to 2020, the Finance Committee saw to it that the land that could possibly be sold was surveyed and that professional evaluations of the property were done. Important discussions were held with the Saint-Pierre Manor who had indicated an interest in acquiring the rectory property. The parishioners were kept informed of their undertakings.
- In June, 2020, the Finance Committee made presentations to the parishioners on the results of the negotiations with the Manor regarding the sale price and other pertinent points. A democratic vote on the question of the sale to the Manor was to be held shortly thereafter.
- At the request of the bishop, the vote was delayed, other discussions with the bishop occurred, further evaluations of the property in question were done and other scenarios regarding the rectory were analyzed and presented to the parishioners. This took place from the Summer of 2020 to early Fall of 2021.
- The vote was conducted in the Fall of 2021 to determine if there was a very significant majority of parishioners in favour of the sale. The result was conclusif given the 89% in agreement with the proposed sale to the Manor.
- Subsequently, a Working Group established by the Finance Committee proceeded to have approved the necessary subdivision of the church and rectory lands. It also finalized the sale agreement between the Parish and the Manor with the help of the lawyer Jack Fleming of the firm Taylor McCaffrey LLP as recommended by the Saint-Boniface Archdiocese.
- On March 30, 2022, Saint-Pierre Parish accepted and signed the offer to purchase presented by Saint-Pierre Manor. The sale price of \$350,000 was payable upon the transfer of the land title. The Parish can continue to occupy the rectory until such time as the Manor indicates that it wants the building to be vacated to allow its demolition (after giving six months notice). The agreement contains caveats regarding the use by the Parish of a right-of-way on the land sold to access the church property as well as regarding non-acceptable uses of the property sold in the event that the Manor were to sell that property to a third party in the future.
- The process drew to a close when the bishop signed the document finalizing the sale on October 4, 2022. The next day, the lawyers for the Parish and the Manor completed the transaction.

Related projects to be pursued:

- Ensure a new space for the parish offices (in the church building or elsewhere).
- Undertake the sorting of documents and objects that are currently in the rectory so as to determine whether they should be kept in the new parish offices, archived in the Centre du Patrimoine or disposed of.
- Evaluate the needs for additional space for various parish activities and, if required, prepare options to meet such needs.