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All Saints Building meeting update

In July the board sent an update on the status of Feasibility recommendations to the Bishop and Fr. Rolfes. In September, Bishop Kettler and Fr. Gregory had a brief meeting about the direction the Bishop wants for us in planning. In October the Bishop sent Fr. Gregory a Letter pertaining to his vision of our building issues. On October 26th, the board met and is enclosing a copy of the letter in the plastic church boxes outside of All Saints Church entryways, copies at the office, on our webpage and copies with Fr. Gregory at the Masses this weekend. Our plan is to move forward and begin to interview Architects.

October 6, 2020

Reverend Gregory Mastey
Church of All Saints
P. O. Box 308
Holdingford, Minnesota 56340

Dear Father Mastey:

I received your request for follow up directives regarding church buildings following our recent conversation. I have received and read the materials you sent to me and Father Rolfes.

It is well known that both Saint Hedwig's Church facility and Saint Mary's Church facility are in need of extensive repairs. Also, the location of both churches within blocks of each other is problematic for providing financially sound church facilities for the people of the Holdingford area and your Area Catholic Community.


It is my hope that you and your parishes' representatives actively and urgently make specific plans on how you will address the conditions stated above.

To give some directives to the formation of these plans; first, I believe that expending sizeable amounts of money to repair the Holdingford churches is not wise and secondly, I believe that two church facilities in close proximity to each other is problematic. Personally, I believe one church, new or remodeled, is a better solution. I believe you have conducted extensive discussions about these challenges and I ask that you now move forward in finalizing a plan which, upon completion, you forward to the diocese for review. You may begin fundraising for your plan immediately, but do keep in mind our need to review your plan of action once it is formulated.

If you need additional thoughts or directives from me, please do ask for these.

God bless you and all your parishioners.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+Donald J. Kettler
Bishop, Diocese of Saint Cloud