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This month, we would like to update you on another very recent development in our planning process. As you read this latest development, we would like to begin by repeating what was said last month in your mailing. As the President of the Parish corporation, the final determination regarding any potential sale of our properties belongs to Archbishop Listecki. As we come to you today, **THE PROPERTY HAS NOT BEEN SOLD!**

Last week, we received a communication from our real estate agent that another offer was being prepared to purchase the 106<sup>th</sup> street site (MQH). We received this new offer through the Community Development Authority of the City of West Allis. Immediately, we requested a meeting with the City to clarify the proposal. The City of West Allis is offering to purchase the property for \$2,000,000.00 (two Million) dollars. They are looking specifically at future development and an increase in the tax base for West Allis. We are sharing this offer with you today so that we can all have the same information at the same time.

The discussion at the Archdiocesan level now continues with a review of both offers by the Archdiocesan Office for Finance. From our perspective, we will apply their feedback to our own discussion of what will happen if we were to accept or reject the offers as they now stand.

We cannot lose sight of the fact that any decision about our parish site must go beyond seating capacity in a church building. We must look at the current level of engagement and support from each of the former parishes. We must also look carefully at demographics, visibility, participation and a real commitment to a future as one parish community. In the final analysis, we must always consider the long-term good of the Parish Community and not simply what might help us in the short term. Where we believe God is calling us is critical.

We are going to meet with the Archbishop shortly to reflect on the situation that is before us, now with two offers to purchase under consideration. Please pray that those involved in reviewing, developing and exploring our options will be inspired, here at the parish and on the Archdiocesan level. This latest development is another challenge to our faithfulness throughout this project. Working together, we have no doubt that the right decision will be made. After our initial meeting with the Archdiocesan Offices, we will share how the discussion is progressing through our Transition Team and Pastoral and Finance Councils, through Sunday announcements, the bulletin, on the website and through our direct mailings. We thank you for your continued prayers and support as we move through this latest development.

In Christ, Fr. Jeff and Fr. Thomas