

This Q & A is sent to provide some answers to the questions most people have been asking over the past several weeks regarding the Merger Plan and the part that the relocation of the school will play in developing those plans.

Who made the decision to move the school to this location? We thought it was moving to a parish on the east side of West Allis. Were other locations considered?

The decision was made by the Archbishop after he consulted with the Office for Schools, the five pastors of West Allis/West Milwaukee and Seton School officials as well as school leadership. Two other locations were considered. One, St. Florian's is not available at this time and the other, Holy Assumption needed around 2 million dollars to make the building ready to host the school.

Do the parents pay tuition and will the move cause a significant increase in tuition?

Yes, the parents pay tuition. The average increase for the past few years has been the 'cost of living' increase. A significant increase in tuition is not anticipated at this time. Other forms of income for the school are the Milwaukee Parental School choice program as well as the state of Wisconsin Choice program.

Will Mother of Perpetual Help Parish have to pay to support the school?

Yes, all five parishes pay to support the school. This has been the case since the school opened. Our subsidy is based on parish income. A new formula to determine our level of support is being studied at this time. The rent the school pays will cover our mortgage costs, most building expenses and services.

When will the school move in and will the parish be able to continue to use the school building after they move in?

That decision is not yet final. Several factors are involved in making that decision and the school is working out those details. Potential start dates will be either June, 2019 or June, 2020. Once the school is fully moved into the building we will not be able to use it during school hours.

Will we be able to use the church portion of the school building?

Until a final decision is reached regarding our permanent home as a Parish, we will continue to use the Church. Once that decision is made, we plan to use one Sunday Worship site.

Who is responsible for creating the plan for our future and who will make the final decision about which buildings will be used permanently?

Our Transition Team, along with Pastoral and Finance Councils, are working on a proposal that we hope to share before the end of June. We learned the advantages and disadvantages of each site at our Fall meetings. We also realize that our 92nd Street site is not financially viable for the future, as the repair and maintenance costs are too great. We are working out a detailed analysis of the two remaining sites and are considering options. In the end the Archbishop will decide which buildings will be used for the parish. We are currently looking at two options for the future.

- 1) Moving all parish Offices, Ministries, Worship, Rectory and records to one site.
- 2) Leaving the Rectory space, Parish Offices and Ministries at one site and using the other site exclusively for Sunday Worship.

Once we have worked out details and cost projections, that information will be shared along with the recommendation to the Archbishop.

Are the properties still listed for sale?

The decision about the school took the 116th street site off the market. We still have a realtor showing the other buildings. That will change as we enter more fully into the discussion about a permanent site in the next few weeks. The 92nd street property will remain on the market until a buyer or other purpose for the site can be found.

Please stay tuned for more information in the bulletin, on the website, through monthly mailing and special announcements as more developments occur.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Jeff and Fr. Thomas