

September 2019

As mentioned in the last two mailings, we received two offers to purchase the 106<sup>th</sup> St. (Mary Queen of Heaven) site. Since then, we have been conducting meetings with different people regarding those offers. The Archdiocesan Offices have also looked carefully at both offers. Once again, we believe that any decision about our parish site must go beyond seating capacity in a given church building. Looking at the current level of engagement and support for the parish, the Archdiocese endorsed our desire to retain the 106<sup>th</sup> St. property and proceed with a 2-site plan for Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. We will use the rental income from the school and the day care to cover our mortgage and assist with operating expenses each month.

**-We need to be reminded that this is not 2 parishes operating together, but ONE parish conducting various ministries at two sites.**

**-There will ultimately be ONE worship site, located at 106<sup>th</sup> Street. It will be known as “Mother of Perpetual Help Church”. We will need to do some repairs and are also proposing some renovations to the church building. We are currently working on a time frame for these changes to take place over the next year.**

**The school/gym building at 106<sup>th</sup> St. will continue to be utilized as is – (i.e. the daycare will continue its operation and the Notre Dame Room/gym will continue to be used as meeting space.**

**-The parish offices, rectory, and our outreach ministries (such as the Food Pantry and several other activities) will all be located at 116<sup>th</sup> Street. That location will be known as the “Mother of Perpetual Help Ministry Site”. As we have shared over the past months, it will also house Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy. Our outreach ministries are already in place and the school will move to this location in July 2020.**

In the final analysis, we believe this plan provides the best scenario for the long-term good of the parish. Once the change is officially endorsed by the Archbishop, we will have several “Town-Hall” listening sessions at all three sites to discuss the plans and the time line for implementing them. We hope to meet after masses toward the end of September or beginning of October.

Please pray that those involved in reviewing and developing our plan will be inspired to continue to act with confidence in moving ahead over the next year.