

# STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

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Dear Parishioners,

It seems the good Lord is blessing us with a happy coincidence, since we are approaching All Saints Day this Sunday, and have just received a request from All Saints Community Church (Anglican Mission in Canada) that they would like to purchase Holy Cross church from us, and are offering a fair price for it. We had attempted to sell this property four years ago, and had to deal with some opposition to this attempt, which took a couple of years to work through, with the end result, as of a year ago, that we are able to move forward with this objective.

This offer by Bishop Peter Klenner and his community seems to answer an important concern we had as to how the building would be best used and preserved. They intend to renovate the interior while maintaining the exterior as it is, using it as their place for worship, prayer, and community outreach. They are a small parish, and eager to have their own place.

Just as a reminder, let me review this past year's timeline.

1. July 2019: notice from the Vatican that the Appeal against the Archbishop's Decree of Closure was denied, leaving the parish free to continue in its desire to sell the four lots, one of which the church is built on.
2. November 2019: notice went out to the general public that interested parties could tender their proposals for the purchase of the property
3. January 2020: proposals and notices of interest came in gradually from a few groups, but none of them were found acceptable.
4. Then the All Saints' proposal came in last week, and the Infrastructure Council recommended that it be accepted, with these points in mind, i.e.:
  - a) The church will continue to be used as a place of worship and prayer.
  - b) The sale of the church building and 2 lots is for \$2.25m.
  - c) The remaining 2 western lots could then be sold individually or collectively at their fair market value.

The offer by All Saints Community Church, pastored by Bishop Peter Klenner, has been supported by our own Pastoral Council and Finance Council, and has now been forwarded to the Archdiocese for their approval. This offer, coming as it did just prior to the Feast of All Saints, seems a blessed answer to our prayers for a suitable and timely disposition to this long standing situation.

I will keep the parish informed as this proposal moves along.