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Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Finally!

That for which we have prayed for many years...

That for which we have made monetary sacrifices on more than one occasion...

That for which we have wondered time-and-again whether it would ever occur...is beginning to unfold.

I have good news to share and I can think of no better time to announce this than during the Easter Season.

Here's the good news. Our renovation plans are moving forward and are being prepared for final approval from the Diocesan Building Commission and Bishop Paprocki by our hardworking Master Plan Committee. We may now be close to having a substantial portion of the funds to make our dreams of a more accommodating and welcoming facility a reality.

We have been in capital campaigns for the last six years. You have generously responded through some very difficult economic years. Your faithfulness in giving has helped the parish raise approximately \$2.9 million in our last two campaigns. We have accomplished so much with your gifts including the new HVAC system for the school and church, the school bathroom renovation and the church sound system installation. Many of you are still faithfully giving to fulfill the pledges you have made. I sincerely thank you for your dedication, faithfulness, and generosity—but we can't stop now!

But I have more good news. Due to the generosity of one of our beloved members, our parish has received a bequest in the form of a trust fund for this renovation project in the amount of \$1 million. This means that we can not only move forward with the plans we communicated to you earlier this year, but also expand them to include a fellowship hall on a lower level under the gathering space and office. We will provide you more information on these additional plans in the near future as they become available from our architect and the Master Plan Committee.

That gift, along with your many sacrificial gifts, puts our parish in a positive position to receive the green light from the Diocese, along with its financial assistance, to proceed with our renovation plans. Yes, we need to ask the Diocese for some financial assistance, but this gift makes it more reasonable and attainable.

The following is our current plan for implementing the project dependent upon Diocesan approval.

- Move to temporary office space in Manning Hall – Fall 2015
- Demolition of current office building – February 2016
- New building construction begins – Spring 2016

I know you join me in thanking God that the plan we have worked on for so long is finally coming to fruition. The seeds of your sacrificial giving you have planted and nurtured over the years are now sprouting into new life that will make our facilities more welcoming, accommodating, convenient and secure, helping us to grow and energize our parish.

May God continue to bless you and our parish.

Peace,

Fr. John Beveridge