



**SALE OF THE SETON CENTER TO WASTE
MANAGEMENT
TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON
CAMPUS!!**

Dear Seton Family:

I have great news for the future of our parish and immediate help in solving the outstanding debt to the Diocese! Bishop Malesic, at the request of myself and the Parish Finance Council, has given permission for the sale of the Seton Center property to Waste Management in order that the parish may build a more suitable administration building on the church site and at the same time gain a monetary asset in the process!

The beginning of the Story

While seeking to increase revenue for the parish I contacted Waste Management to renegotiate our lease of the parking lot at the center. The monthly rent had not been increased for over ten years and with the increase in the cost to operate the center I wanted to obtain a new lease to generate more funds for the parish. In conversation with Waste Management they indicated that they would be interested in buying the whole property from the parish for they were in need of enlarging their facility here on Leger Road or a relocation would be necessary.

Since I was not seeking to sell the property I was not interested in the proposal. After several conversations it became evident that Waste Management was prepared to make a serious offer to the parish. I indicated that the building was necessary for the parish to house our offices and meeting rooms and the sale would have to be profitable for the parish to allow us to relocate and glean a profit from the sale. The caveat of the deal would have to represent a movement towards bettering the parish and making it more viable while removing ourselves from immediate expenses and repairs of an aging building. The last thing I needed was to "sell" property and give the impression that the parish was preparing to close. The deal would need to be lucrative and promising for our future.

A few months later Waste Management made an offer to buy the property with the understanding that we would need to remain on the premises until construction was complete. They also made it clear that without the property they would need to relocate. Their relocation would end our lease agreement and the income that has been much needed over the years. After a few rounds of conversations and renegotiations Waste Management made an offer was significant enough to investigate the possibility further.

The goal then was to figure out how we could build a new more efficient building and also gain some financial benefits. The new building would need to serve the administration needs as well as provide a large conference room for meetings and adult classes. The Religious formation program would use the available space in Mack Hall

as it had prior to the purchase of the old General Electric building which became the Seton Center.

New building and approval

A new building of 3,500 square ft. housing five offices; conference room; reception area; kitchenette; two bathrooms; 30 person meeting room and storage space could be constructed at a cost that would also leave the parish a significant financial gain. This building would be a steel structure built on a slab with a stucco facade built across from the church above the present Seton Center. The building would give the parish a campus-like feeling and make everything more accessible to the parish.

The Finance Council was in favor of the advantages that the sale would provide for the parish presently and into the future. When presented to the Bishop and the College of consultors they agreed with the plan and they supported us in the sale and the building of a new Seton Center showing the parish community the desire to keep our parish open and growing in viability!

The parish will begin preparation for the sale with hopes to close by the end of September and have a new building operational before the end of the year! I will keep you posted with the progress of the sale and present a building rendering in the near future! I see this as a sign of the future for our parish and a better way to serve the needs of the parish. Please pray for me as we begin this new and exciting endeavor! Through the intercession of Mother Seton and guided by the Holy Spirit may our parish grow and continue to be a wonderful family of Faith.

NEW FORMATTON DIRECTOR AND PROGRAMS TO START THIS FALL

Upon the resignation of Sister Charlene Ozanick this month the parish began to prepare for a new direction for Religious Formation of the children of the parish. Through much prayer and discernment I am happy to announce that Deacon Jeff Cieslewicz will assume the role of DRE for the parish!! Deacon Jeff, a longtime parishioner and former religion teacher is excited with the opportunity to serve in this capacity. In order to assist him in the administrative tasks of the position we have hired Jennifer Henry, a life time parishioner, to begin a year-long internship to serve as the administrator of the program as she continues her education at Seton Hill in the pastoral ministry program. Jennifer desires to obtain her degree in theology and pastoral ministry so that she can serve as a catechist and director of parish formation. I believe that our new team, under my support and participation, will bring about a new energy and direction for the formation of our children and aid their parents in the challenge of raising Faith-filled children in a most difficult world.

PROGRAMING FOR STUDENTS GRADES K.4

In the fall, as we have done in the past, the primary grades will be catechized at the Seton Center on Sunday mornings following the 8:30 am Mass. This year grades 1-4

will be asked to attend the 8:30 am Mass as part of the educational and learning process which will continue after Mass in a class room setting. Classes will be held every other week giving families some flexibility for family time and other early Sunday morning activities. The Kindergarten children will be instructed in a special way as part of the Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word.

PROGRAMING FOR STUDENTS GRADES 5&6

Since there will no longer be a Junior youth program shared with Saint Agnes the 5th & 6th grade students will be catechized on Sundays at the Seton Center by Deacon Jeff. We are still working out the details of how the program will be conducted but it will be truly an interactive style of learning centered on the sacred Mass and the sacraments.

Pre-Confirmation (7th & 8th graders) Classes and SYM

Since our students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade special teachings and requirements have been set by the diocese. The preparation for Confirmation will begin in seventh grade with classroom instruction on Monday evenings, with Father John, at Immaculate Conception formation building. This program will be shared with the seventh graders from Immaculate Conception. The 8th graders will have a very specialized programming that will have them engaged in retreats, workshops and service projects as well as some classroom instruction throughout the year.

The program will be directed by Susan Cheplic who was hired by Immaculate Conception to manage and coordinate all activities recommended by the diocese. Mrs. Cheplic will also continue as the senior Youth Minister (9-12) for all three parishes of our area.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING TO PARENTS AT EACH GRADE LEVEL IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

Sincerely yours in Christ

