



Dear Friends,

At the beginning of 2017, I sent a letter to you indicating that the Archbishop of Denver and the Archdiocese of Denver, and our parish had signed an agreement with Evergreen Development Company for its purchase of the parish's 9.7 acres of land south of Floyd Avenue. The proceeds from this sale would help St. Michael's to offset 60% of the cost of our proposed building expansion on our current church site.

Though Evergreen Development typically specializes in high-end apartment communities and made such a proposal initially, which would have required a rezoning of the vacant property, Evergreen decided to respect the neighborhood's wishes and the current zoning, and has designed a plan to develop and build townhomes. Evergreen's site plan is currently in the submittal process with the City of Aurora, and is scheduled for a hearing before Aurora's Planning Commission in November.

I would ask you to go to Aurora's Development website for the plan that Evergreen has submitted to the City of Aurora and review their plan. The website is: <http://aurora4biz.org/developmentplanreviewpub/>. The project number for that development is: **1231046**. Your support for this proposal would be welcomed both online and at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting in November.

The proceeds from the sale of St. Michael's property will provide the majority of the funding needed to build-out our needed additional space. The plan for our project is to build six additional meeting spaces, with new bathrooms, adjacent to the current church together with new office space. The addition will be two levels, a ground level and a lower level. The lower level will be accessible by stairs or elevator. With the monies that the parish has already saved toward this project, there will be no need for a capital fundraising campaign to complete our addition. Currently, Eidos Architects, the architect for the project, is submitting planning documents to the City of Aurora for our expansion. At this point in time, we are anticipating a groundbreaking celebration in May 2018 if all goes according to plan.

Your ongoing generous contributions to our Building & Maintenance collection on the second weekend of each month are critical to the success of this much needed capital expansion. As I explained in my letter this past January, none of the proceeds from either the sale of our property or your contributions to the Building & Maintenance Fund will be taxed or assessed by the Archdiocese of Denver through June, 2020. However, it is essential that you not decrease your normal offertory contribution, as that is needed for operating costs of the parish. Due to the restricted nature of the Building and Maintenance fund collection each month, these monies can only be used for such needs, not for operating costs.

St. Michael's will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary in 2018! You'll be hearing about anniversary celebrations for our parish as well. However, I cannot think of a better way to celebrate our parish's anniversary than by demonstrating our commitment to the current and future generations of our parishioners by building the space so long needed, in order to continue accomplishing the work of Christ and His Church in this area of Aurora.

Your brother in the Lord,

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