

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

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Important Memo regarding the Church Building Project

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Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Our Lady of the Rosary parish family,

Thank you to those who offered their feedback from our last memo of March 11th. Please know that the Building and Finance Committees, as well as your Parish Council, have a continued sense of the Lord's presence in discerning our vision and direction for a new Church.

After considerable prayer and practical effort to evaluate options for the Church's location, we have refocused on a property previously considered, and admittedly controversial. Consequently, we believe circumstances, such as size and accessibility, have substantially improved and that the Diocese of Victoria owned property in the Westhills of Langford, is indeed the ideal location to build our new Church, pending the sale of our current location. The Diocese would offer this property at its cost, which is about one-third the current market value. Furthermore, the Westhills property will provide upwards of 300% more usable space, compared with our current property.

Highlights of New Church and Location

The Westhills Irwin Road property is a beautiful and serene 7-acre site, located in a thriving residential neighbourhood. It is large enough to accommodate:

- Our new Church
- Church Hall
- Rectory
- Daycare, with potential for a Catholic School
- On-site parking for all activities and programs

There will be sufficient land to develop a natural and park-like oasis for peaceful prayer. Going forward, we could also consider other Church-related development opportunities.

The property is accessible by multiple and straightforward driving routes and is accessible by city bus. It is a 7-minute drive, of just over 4 kilometres, from our current location in a family-oriented neighbourhood. (That's driving the speed limit!)

It is a wonderful location from which to serve all our parishioners for many decades to come. Please pray for this process of envisioning how the Lord might bring this long-awaited dream to reality. God willing, we'll have more to report on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please feel free to offer your thoughts c/o Geoff Varley who is our communications coordinator for the Building Committee through olor@shaw.ca

Like Our Lady at the Annunciation, *we hope to let the Lord's will be done with us according to His Word.*

Fr. Dean

Sample photos attached

P.S. While the Diocese owns this land, please do not disturb the tenants residing there.