

Convent Rental Opportunity

Hello St. Bernard Parishioners,

We have had an inquiry for rental of the convent building. Since it has been sitting empty now for several years, we have decided to explore the implications of renting out the space. Several things to consider are the tax status, both property and income related; how to split the utilities that are not metered separately; what repair work would need to be completed prior to rental; what do we ask for rent; rental agreement; do we place restrictions on who can rent (example, no pets, no kids, no smoking, etc); to list a few. In order to avoid major renovations for handicap accessibility, we have to keep the use of the building consistent with what it was previously used for so we would be expecting to rent for the purpose of a single family home and will not be considering renting to any kind of business at this time.

The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed of the Finance Council's plans and to get any input from you, the members of the parish, that you may have concerning this course of action. If you would support this action, are opposed to it, or can offer any insights, both good or bad, concerning the rental of property, we'd like to hear from you.

You may contact any of our Finance Council members with your feedback. They are Chairperson Ralph Laumann, Kelli Starkey, Leo Willems and Connie Hoen. Or one of the Trustees – Andy Kleindl and Tom Monsen – or Sherry in the Parish Office. Our next Finance Council meeting is on Thursday evening, June 27th at 7pm at the church. We would like to get as much feedback as possible before then so we can decide at that meeting whether we should move forward with the plan or not.

Hope you are all having a blessed spring and early summer. We pray the weather will cooperate favorably going forward to aid our farmers with their crops and future harvests.

Thank you for your input on this issue.

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