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Dear John

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Property Review

As agreed previously the Leadership Formation Team (LFT) have undertaken a review of our properties during the last nine months to respond to the request sent to all parishes in your pastoral letter of February 2019.

Attached is our proposal which addresses your primary question of how many churches and presbyteries we need in our parish to accommodate our Mass count, allowing for future growth and the availability of priests.

There are a number of options for the future of our potentially surplus properties. We have not investigated these in detail and rather, have proposed that we provide you with a detailed assessment of options and an implementation plan within 12 months of receiving your response to this proposal. Once your decision is received, the LFT will engage with parishioners and stakeholders in a change management process to progress towards a one parish plan for our properties.

This is a significant decision for our parish and understandably does not have unanimous support. We appreciate some parishioners have already written to you. Please be assured though that the LFT have carefully considered and discerned all the information and feedback received throughout this extensive process. We believe the attached proposal meets your objectives and serves in the best long term interest for our parish. Please note that one member of LFT holds a dissenting view to this proposal.

We trust the LFT's proposal provides sufficient detail for you to make an informed decision. We are available if you or archdiocese staff would like to discuss the proposal or if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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