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Queen of Apostles Catholic Church

Queen of Apostles Reaffirms Plan to Sell Unused Property and Buildings

Senior Housing Plan Endorsed by Finance Council

Pewaukee, WI—Queen of Apostles Catholic Church today announced that its Finance Council voted unanimously to move forward with the sale of its former church and the vacant buildings of St. Mary's Catholic Parish in Pewaukee to a developer who plans to put senior housing on the site. The Finance Council also voted unanimously to sunset the short-term lease with a temporary tenant at St. Mary's.

"The sale of our property and former church buildings is part of our Strategic Plan and process to grow our Parish. This will enable our church to continue to serve our parishioners, expand our mission and continue our commitment to the community," Jim Fischer, Queen of Apostles Finance Chair, said. "Like many parishes, we have growing needs and shrinking resources, and this sale helps us to meet our financial obligations, grow our parish community and assist those who need help."

"We are thrilled to have found a developer who is committed to the larger mission of our Parish and is sensitive to our faith. We believe the developer will be a responsible steward for the property and has a history of working in partnership with other Parish communities," Fischer said.

John Schueller, Director of Finance for the Parish added that they are pleased the developer will explore ways to retain parts of the St. Mary's Catholic Church and incorporate them into a possible outdoor community gathering space. Queen of Apostles is one of several religious organizations that the developer, Capri Senior Communities, has worked with in developing sensitive, authentic and innovative senior housing solutions to meet a community's needs.

"While we appreciate the work of our temporary tenant, Pastor Florin Docea and Agape Community Church, we have indicated to him that due to our agreement with Capri and our obligations, by August 31, their programs will need to relocate to a new location. We have been honored to help Agape by providing rent well below fair market value over almost the last 3 years and will provide any assistance we can to help with his transition," Schueller said.

St. Mary's Catholic Church was originally dedicated in 1868 and reconstructed in 1887 to accommodate growth. Queen of Apostles School educated students for 58 years and closed in 2016 due to low enrollment.

The Queen of Apostles Parish is in close communication with both the Village of Pewaukee and Capri Senior Communities as the development moves forward. "We remain excited about the creative response Capri has proposed to honor St. Mary's Catholic Church's history and serve the area's senior population with care and compassion," said Fischer.