



# Questions and Answers

from our Sacred Heart Parish meeting  
held earlier this year.

- **Regarding the \$371,000 still owed to the Diocese of Winona for our parish portion of the Rooted in Faith Campaign, how far out is that money due?**
  - A quarterly payment plan is in place, with final payment due July 1, 2019.
  - Our only outstanding debt is \$371,000 which is half of our pledge for the diocesan Rooted in Faith Campaign. The original intent was to run two back-to-back campaigns and the original goal was split between the two. The first half of the pledge has been fulfilled. The work necessary to support the floors in the school delayed the second campaign. We have been working with the Diocese to schedule a workable plan to retire this debt. We are planning a campaign this fall or early next year which would complete the pledge for Rooted in Faith and cover the costs of the refurbishment of the church interior. Although we have some money in hand the Diocese has asked us to delay any work until we have \$500,000 in hand or pledged in our campaign. Once we reach this goal we will proceed with the pew refurbishment and the kneeler and carpet replacement with the intent of completing the additional refurbishment work as funds become available.
- **Pew refurbishment – is it being sent out for bids?**
  - Yes - it was sent out for bids and a vendor has been selected.
- **Are we installing all new kneelers with the pew refurbishment?**
  - Yes – all new kneelers and pads.
- **Is the wall with the tabernacle in the sanctuary being removed in the renovation? Why?**
  - Yes, removing the wall is in the renovation plans. The wall was added in to divide the sanctuary for an adoration space. It is not being used, and the limited sanctuary space could be better used by returning it to the previous size and arrangement. Under normal circumstances the sanctuary is tight for space, even more difficult with a larger gathering of clergy.
- **Of the outstanding debt left on the school, what percent is owed by each parish, and what percent has been paid by each parish?**
  - St. Mary's School is responsible for the entire debt and is developing strategies to pay this off. The parishes signed for the loan and are guarantors should St. Mary's close or otherwise be unable to fulfill the obligation. Each parish is, in a sense, obligated to cover any shortfall in entirety but we are confident that the money can be secured by the school and the parishes will not be called on to cover any of the debt.
- **Is Holy Trinity parish funding St Mary's School now that St Isidore's has closed, and some parishioners are sending their children to SMS?**
  - Students from Holy Trinity pay the parish rate for tuition. At its most recent meeting, Holy Trinity has included in its budget for next year a subsidy for students attending St. Mary's.

