

**Roman Catholic Parish** 

# TOWN HALL

MARCH 22, 2025

"TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST."

- POPE PIUS X

## Today's Agenda

History of Parishioner Engagements
 Relevant Findings
 Review of Four Options
 Evaluation Process
 Timeline

### **Conceptual Renderings:** What We Heard

- + Open House was held on March 15 & 16, 2025 to show renderings to the general public.
- + This was a request heard from parishioners after the first town hall in November 2024.
- + Well attended, 78 written comments received.
- FAAS Architecture and LOLA Architecture each prepared 2 concepts; a partial redevelopment and a full redevelopment.
- + The concepts were shown to help parishioners imagine what development could look like.



### What are the Important Building Attributes?

#### **The Worship Space**

+ Spiritual, welcoming, sacred, reverent, beautiful, accessible.

#### **The Hall and Offices**

- Functional offices, storage, meeting spaces, gathering places.
- + Commercial kitchen.
- + Accessibility.





### **Conversations in the Spirit: What We Heard**

- Conversations were held between
   January 30 February 8, 2025.
- 100 parishioners participated in dialogue and discernment.

#### Three key themes emerged:

- **1. Community:** Welcoming and inclusive, family oriented with programs for all ages.
- 2. Spiritual growth and support: Liturgy and faith formation.
- **3. Service:** Internal services, parish ministry, mass, support of faith formation, and outreach services/initiatives.

## **Four Options for Consideration**



No changes+ Retain status quo



Fundraise for a new hall
+ New standalone hall



Partial redevelopment of the hall and parking lot areas
+ New hall on ground floor of a six-storey residential building



#### Full redevelopment of the site

- + New standalone church
- + New hall on the ground floor of a six-storey residential building

# **Option 1: No Changes**

Church	Keep the current church as is.
Hall	Use the current hall until it becomes unsafe.
Parking	No change to parking, ~90 spaces.
Financial Considerations	Minimum cost estimate of \$300K for maintenance and repairs of the hall. Does not include church accessibility upgrades.
Impact on Parish Life	No accessibility upgrades, high risk of hall failure, losing space for programs and outreach.

# **Option 2: Fundraise for New Hall**

Church	Keep the current church as is.
Hall	Build a new standalone hall once fundraising goal is reached.
Parking	No change to parking, ~90 spaces.
<b>Financial Considerations</b>	Requires fundraising. Estimated cost in excess of \$3M.
Impact on Parish Life	Timeline is unknown due to fundraising uncertainty; accessibility and maintenance issues remain with Church. Construction disruption of 18 months.

# **Option 3: Partial Redevelopment**

Church	Keep the current church as is.
Hall	Build a new hall on the ground floor of a 6-storey residential building.
Parking	New surface parking with min. 70 spaces
Financial Considerations	Revenue from housing development covers basic hall cost. Potential surplus would be used for accessibility upgrades in the church.
Impact on Parish Life	Improved facilities, but church remains separate; accessibility and maintenance issues remain with church. 2-year construction disruption.

# **Option 4: Full Redevelopment**

Church	Build a new standalone church.
Hall	Build new hall and offices on the ground floor of a 6-storey residential building.
Parking	New surface parking with min. 70 spaces
Financial Considerations	Revenue from housing development covers all basic parish building costs.
Impact on Parish Life	Fully modern, accessible facilities but requires 2 years of temporary worship space.

### **Discernment Process**

- + The Diocese and the New Hall Committee have been working with Engagement Specialists from B&A Studios to establish an evaluation mechanism.
- + Feedback from the Conversations in the Spirit informed the evaluation criteria.
- + An option evaluation scorecard has been developed.
- + B&A Studios will collect and analyze all completed scorecards, then compile a summary report to share with the New Hall Committee and the Diocese's review.
- + The outcomes from the evaluation scorecards will be shared with Parishioners in April.

### **Option Evaluation Scorecard**

- Scorecard asks parishioners to evaluate the options based on the values shared during the Conversations in the Spirit.
- Values evaluated include Community,
   Spiritual Growth, Service, Parish Identity,
   Parish Growth and Sustainability.

The scorecard will be available in person or online and must be completed by March 31, 2025.

- For each element, the four options
   will be ranked from 1 to 5:
  - 1 Not at all
  - 2 Needs improvement
  - 3 Okay
  - 4 Good
  - 5 Excellent
- + A total score out of 50 will be tallied for each option.
- The collective scores will be shared with the Diocese for review.

# **Validation and Eligibility**

To ensure integrity of the process, contact information must be provided for validation of submission.

Eligibility verification includes:

- 1. Parish membership
- 2. Legal age requirement
- 3. Submission of contact information
- 4. Pastoral discretion

# Timeline



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### November 23, 2024

Town hall #1: Introduction of building renewal proposal

### January 18, 2025

Town hall #2: Possibility of partial redevelopment is shared

#### **February 4-8, 2025** Conversations in the Spirit



#### **February 2025** Three architectural firms began drafting conceptual renderings



March 1 & 2, 2025 Shared outcomes from Conversations in the Spirit











### April 2025

Outcomes to be shared

March 8 & 9, 2025 Shared the four options matrices

#### March 15 & 16, 2025

Open House to review renderings

**March 22, 2025** Town hall #3

**March 22 – 31, 2025** Option Evaluations are open for Parishioners

# QUESTIONS?

### We now have a short moderated Q&A session.

### THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

Please complete the evaluation scorecard either online using the QR code on this page or via a paper submission to be submitted to the office or after Masses by March 31, 2025.

