



November 15, 2004 - Archdiocese of Boston to Market 16 Parish Properties in 90-day Process

(Boston, Massachusetts) November 15, 2004...The Archdiocese of Boston today announced it will begin soliciting offers for the sale of 16 properties associated with its reconfiguration plan. Offers, solicited over a 90-day period, will be evaluated at the conclusion of that process. At the conclusion of the process the Archdiocesan Real Estate office and the Real Estate Advisory committee will review the offers. They will make their recommendations to the Chancellor. The Chancellor will review the financial terms and social considerations connected with the offers and forward his recommendations to the Archbishop through the Vicar General. If the Archbishop is inclined to accept offers, permissions will be sought from the College of Consultors, the Finance Council and, where needed, from the Holy See.

“Each decision will be based on the many factors including proposed property used, price and contingencies,” stated David W. Smith, Chancellor. “It is our hope to maximize the financial consideration consistent with the needs of the communities we serve. Only reconfiguration expenses and Finance Council recommended fiscal year 2005 budget items will be funded from property sale proceeds pending the completion of a financial strategic planning process initiated by Archbishop Sean with assistance from the Archdiocesan Finance Council.”

The Chancellor will report on these expenditures monthly in the Pilot. The Archbishop also has indicated his intention to expand the Finance Council’s membership to ensure it has the breadth of expertise to contribute substantively to the development of this strategic financial plan on a timely basis.

These properties and the corresponding listing brokers follow:

Codman Company
Jim Belli
617-897-8102
St. Joseph/Hyde Park
St. Peter/Malden
St. Joseph/Salem
St. Mary Star of the Sea/East Boston

Meredith & Grew
Lisa Campoli
Jim Elcock
617-330-8000
St. Jerome/Arlington
St. James/Arlington
Assumption/Bellingham
Blessed Sacrament/Cambridge

Richards Barry & Joyce
Brian McKenzie
617-439-7813
St. Joseph/Waltham
St. Margaret/Brockton
St. James/Medford
Sacred Heart/Medford
St. Mary/Marlboro



Cushman & Wakefield
Chris Griffin
617-204-4147
Star of the Sea/Quincy

Harkins Real Estate
Michael Harkins
978-475-1121
Notre Dame/Lowell
Nuestra Senora del Carmen/Lowell

The reconfiguration of parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston began in January of 2004, when there were 357 parishes divided into five regions. Since that time, 47 parishes have closed and other parish communities have welcomed those parishioners. When reconfiguration is completed, it is estimated that 83 parishes and 67 churches will have been closed, eight new parishes will have been created and eight churches will remain open as worship sites. This activity will result in 282 parishes and 290 churches serving the cities and towns that comprise the Archdiocese of Boston.

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