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Dear Holy Trinity Church & Church of the Holy Spirit Pastoral Council, Finance Councils, Trustees, and Staff,

I am writing to let you know that the Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit administrative and faith formation offices will be moving full time to the Holy Spirit office spaces in the near future. I am thankful for the feedback and suggestions that I received from you regarding this decision as well as for the time that several committee members took out of their busy schedules for the parish campus walk throughs on Thursday, July 6th and Friday, July 7th. While the exact details regarding the dates of the move still need to be finalized, I will be announcing this at the weekend liturgies on Saturday, August 19th and Sunday, August 20th **(update: I will now be announcing this during the weekend of August 12th and 13th).**

Having the administrative and faith formation offices in one location should provide a more consistent environment for our hard-working parish staff instead of needing to bring materials with them from one work site to the other throughout the week. It should be a little easier for the staff to process mail, respond to phone calls, and be of the best service possible by having one work site. Likewise, it will hopefully be easier for the parishioners to be able to travel to one campus for office needs instead of needing to remember which days their particular parish office is open. The Holy Spirit office space was renovated in 2019 and has energy efficient features including wall units for heating and cooling.

The parking lot and entrance easily allows for wheelchair and walker access for those with mobility difficulties. On a related note, those who wish to have temporary access to the adoration chapel will be able to speak with a staff member more easily if the administrative office space is located in Gloversville.

Naturally, this was not an easy decision because I want to be as fair to both communities as possible. I am sensitive to the fact that the faith formation classes take place at the Holy Spirit campus and that Holy Spirit hosts two weekend Masses compared with one Mass for Holy Trinity. Therefore, I want to reassure the Holy Trinity community that this does not mean that the respective parish committees and I have plans to close the Holy Trinity campus. I will continue to ask our parish committees to please take advantage of the first floor, handicap-accessible parish hall at Holy Trinity for as many linked parish gatherings as possible (The Annual December Vendor Fair, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, and other similar events). Likewise, I plan on reaching out in the near future to local non-for-profit third parties who may be interested in renting office space at Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity School roof was recently replaced and the rest of the building is in good shape overall with some minor water damage on the third floor that needs to be addressed.

For additional information regarding the background of this process, I encourage you to take a look at the feedback that I received from office staff and council members.

Thank you for all that you do to support our linked parishes.

Sincerely,

Fr. Matt Wetsel