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The Glory of God is man fully alive

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Dear Martin Saints parents,

With great joy and thanksgiving, today in school we will share with the students that next summer, Martin Saints will be moving to St. Titus parish at 3006 Keenwood Road in East Norriton.

Compared to what we have now, St. Titus has not only a church, but also more than twice the classroom space, a larger and brighter cafeteria/event room, playing fields (soccer, baseball, basketball), plenty of parking, along with several acres and outbuildings for potential expansion.

St. Titus parish is partnered with St. Helena's parish in Blue Bell. Both parishes are pastored by Fr. Joseph Bongard, who is well-known in Philadelphia as the president emeritus of Roman Catholic High School in Center City. Both parishes also share two assistant priests, Fr. Edward Kelly and Fr. Kyle Adamczyk, who have been working as high school chaplains until just recently.

Loose ends remain. With the township, we face routine fire and sewage inspections, as well as modifications to the parking lot. With the archdiocese, intriguingly, we might share the school with St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for 2024-2025. This would be an exciting and short-term arrangement; for our inaugural year at St. Titus, it's possible we would be on the ground floor and St. Charles would be on the second floor. As you may know, new seminary buildings are under construction at Gwynedd Mercy University. If that construction is delayed, St. Titus is their "plan B," a temporary spot for their classes. If that happened, we believe sharing space with seminarians and Archdiocesan leaders would enhance our spirituality, worship, and bond with the Archdiocese.

In the meantime, <u>at this link</u>, you can see maps and photographs, worth thousands of words. They will stimulate your imagination about what might be possible in the months and years ahead. Yes, on page eight, that is a statue of St. Thérèse Martin waiting for us, right outside the front door.

We will continue to share details as news unfolds in the coming weeks and months. Thank you in advance for your patience; as you can imagine, working with the township and the archdiocese, there are many moving pieces, and the pace is rarely something we can control. For now, you can at least count on having Advent Lessons and Carols at St. Titus on Thursday, December 14, at 7pm.

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

Deacon Christopher C. Roberts, Ph.D.

President

Mr. Adam Dickerson, J.C.L., M.A.

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