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St. Charles Garnier Expense Report - November 2021

Good morning,

Recently Parish Council decided, due to the significant number of projects that have been undertaken over the past two years, to highlight to the parishioners those projects and their related costs.

Starting back a couple years, in 2019 there was a project to create a suite in our large and under-utilized rectory in order to provide space for a retired priest at an affordable rental rate. Total costs for the project were \$140,000.

In 2020 construction was completed on the first phase of the Columbarium project at a cost of \$143,500. All of the costs of this project have been recouped plus an additional \$52,000 from the sale of the niches. Demand has been quite high, and planning is already taking place to add another Columbarium unit.

In 2020 some of our HVAC units broke and needed to be replaced at a cost of \$52,000.

The new livestreaming system was installed late last year and early this year, to allow for livestreaming of Masses and other Parish events for a total cost of \$29,500 of which \$13,850 was paid by specific donations from parishioners, CWL, and Knights of Columbus for that project.

Due to ongoing problems/concerns in the parking lot a security gate was added to the entrance to the parking lot for a total cost of \$25,000 of which the Chancery paid half and a new security system with outside security cameras was installed this year for a cost of \$6,300.

Much needed replacements to the windows in the Rectory were installed this year for a total cost of \$19,000. Also, a natural gas fireplace was installed. Rectory exterior was painted with the help from Freedoms Door personal.

Parking lot repairs were completed just last month to ensure the continued safety and longevity of the asphalt lot which cost \$10,400 all cracks were resealed to prevent further damage.

A new piano was ordered for \$10,000 due to ongoing issues with our aging current keyboard. Unfortunately, a fire at the piano factory earlier this year has delayed delivery.

Financing for these projects was capable due to the generosity of our parishioners, in particular a large donation of \$49,000 from one parishioner early this year. In addition, there have been several bequests that have been made to the Parish over the past 5-6 years, including one in 2020 for \$68,000. All of these projects are discussed at length at Parish Council and consulted with the Parish Finance Committee to ensure sufficient quotes and appropriate value has been obtained.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kevin Schmidt, the Parish Finance Chair, through the Parish office or you can contact someone on the Parish Council. All parish Council members are listed on our weekly bulletin.