



### **The Troyer Building**

The former office building for the New Delphos Manufacturing plant remains on the 3.3-acre plot of land located south of the elementary school building. This property was purchased by the parish nearly six years ago in the Expanding the Tradition campaign. It was spared when other structures were taken down to make room for a spacious, grassy field now utilized by students at recess and those in band and other extra-curricular activities, as well as physical education classes.

After an extensive review of the condition of the building, it's been determined it would be too costly to renovate and maintain, so it will be taken down as funds allow.

The building is the final remnant of the former New Delphos Manufacturing campus and, although there are no definite plans for how the site will be developed, there will be a symbol celebrating the history of the property.

### **The Generosity of Many**

Numerous parishioners generously responded to the Expanding the Tradition campaign that funded the purchase and development of the Troyer site and those contributors have not been forgotten. Recognition of those gifts will be included as this final phase of the project is completed.

Recognition also will be made for those who contribute to the *Seizing the Opportunity to Do More* campaign in the amount of \$2,000 or more. Substantial tax savings are available for gifts of cash, stock, land real estate and grain. Please consult with your tax advisors about the tax implications of gifts to St. John's.

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*St. John  
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# Ministry Center to Benefit All

## Benefits of the New Ministry Center

The rectory was originally built in 1938 to serve as a residence for the parish priests, but has been retrofitted over the years to accommodate our office workers. In the back of the house, a pantry off the kitchen was converted into an office for our pastoral associate, and the parish secretary and receptionist share a space in the front of the home. Our business manager and associate pastor each have an office so small there is room for only one visitor at a time.

The newly purchased building located at the northwest corner of Second and Pierce streets was built in 1966 and has 4,000-square-feet of space. It has room for 10 offices, storage, and three conference rooms that will be available for committee meetings, the RCIA program, Bible studies, and other gatherings.

Now and in the future, the building will serve as a comprehensive center for parish employees and parishioners.

## Opportunity to Purchase

For decades, pastors at Delphos St. John's have longed for a living space separate from the parish offices. When the building across the street from the rectory became available several months ago, it seemed to be the ideal way to relocate the offices.

"The purchase of the office building resolves the issue of having the offices in the priests' home and it provides us with space to expand programs for our parishioners in the future," said Fr. Mel Verhoff, pastor.

The purchase comes after cost estimates showed it was the most economical choice when compared to bringing the Troyer building up to code and maintaining the structure, or adding additional rooms onto the rectory.

"Buying the office building was an opportunity we couldn't let pass," Fr. Mel said. "We're confident the investment is a beneficial addition for the parish."

## What Will Happen at the Rectory?

When the offices are relocated to the Ministry Center, the rectory will again be a residence for the priests and serve as an available work space for volunteers. Records and storage items will be moved from the basement to the main floor.

## Financing this Endeavor

The Toledo Diocese gave St. John's the approval to purchase the building using money set aside in restricted funds. The parish is now launching the *Seizing the Opportunity to Do More* campaign to replenish these monies and acquire funds needed to improve the sidewalks and parking area in front of the Ministry Center, demolish the Troyer building, repair sidewalks along Pierce Street and First Street and complete the window replacement and air-conditioning project at the rectory. The goal of this campaign is \$385,000.

## The Opportunity to Do More

The Ministry Center is an exciting development for our parish. It will be the hub for ministries, including two new initiatives recently begun: The Welcome Home Ministry, a group which is organizing a network of neighborhoods to foster relationships among neighbors in the Delphos community, and the Welcoming Committee, a group of parish representatives who are visiting new members. The conference rooms at the Center will accommodate our many committee meetings and the layout is conducive for a productive work environment.

Perhaps the most rousing aspects of the new center are the possibilities of its use not yet thought of: the undeveloped dream of a person or persons who will initiate ideas that will propel our parish into the future and invigorate the next generation.

Earlier this year, the parish seized the opportunity to purchase the building as a means of fulfilling the need of a proper office space. Now, the parish is asking you to please consider seizing the opportunity to help fund this project.

## Seizing the Opportunity To Do More

Building Purchase Price	\$220,000
Landscaping, Carpet, Paint and Computer and Telephone Wiring in Ministry Center	\$22,000
Sidewalk and Parking Area	\$10,000
Demolition of Troyer Building	\$45,000
Sidewalks at Troyer Property	\$15,000
Sidewalks and Blacktop on First Street	\$25,000
Windows and Air-conditioning in Rectory	\$38,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$385,000</b>

## Campaign Committee Members

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