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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

In the last month, the Property and Building Management Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans contacted me to let us know that one of the properties that belonged to St. Rose of Lima Parish had recently been vacated. The building is a wood-frame house located at 1523 North Dorgenois Street, which had been used for many years by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The property was recently appraised at \$295,000.

I consulted with the Finance Council at our last meeting, and discussed what we should do with this property. Since the property is some distance from our parish campus and since we could see no immediate or long-term use for such a building, I have decided to move forward with placing the property for sale. If you have any thoughts or questions about this, please feel free to contact me directly: jhemelt@arch-no.org.

In other news... This week, I will be away from the parish for my annual "priest vacation." I am blessed to be a part of a group of nine priests who gather monthly for dinner and fellowship and who take an annual week long vacation together. (We plan the vacation a year in advance, to ensure that all of our schedules will line up!)

This year we are traveling to Portland, Maine to enjoy the cool weather and the great seafood for a week (and, hopefully, a Red Sox game in Boston). I will leave early Monday morning and return late in the evening on the following Monday. You will be in the good hands of our deacons and staff and some priests who will cover the Masses. Please pray for us that our time of vacation will be restful and relaxing so that all of us may return to our ministries refreshed and rejuvenated. Know that all of you will remain in my prayers while I am gone.

To Jesus through Mary,

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