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Update of meeting with Archbishop Hundt regarding Mount Cashel Court Case

If you have questions or need more clarity on the note below then please contact a member of your Parish Council, Finance Committee or the Parish general office. It is important for all parishioners to understand that our parish and all parishes in the Archdiocese are affected.

On Tuesday, June 29th, Archbishop Hundt met with the Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees for our parish, St. Thomas of Villanova and Holy Family to discuss the current status and potential impacts of the Mount Cashel Liability Decision and Archdiocesan reorganization. Archbishop Hundt walked the group through this process and fielded questions for approximately two hours.

The freeze on all non-essential spending is still in effect. The Archdiocese is assessing all its assets including accounts, real estate and infrastructure. In parallel to this exercise, the viability of all parishes and the cost of ownership of core assets (churches) is being determined. The next major step in this process is for the Archdiocese to issue a call for any outstanding claims from victims that have yet to identify themselves. This will possibly occur within several months. Then the process of determining and disbursing compensation will occur, starting with liquidation of cash holdings, followed by non-core properties and followed by core properties. Based on the information provided and the scope of liability, it is unlikely that any of our three parishes will retain cash or real estate associated with Octagon Pond. We will not know the status of our churches and parishes until we are further along in this process.