

Archdiocese of Regina Pastoral Centre Information Sheet

1. Original 2019 reasons for building new:

- At that time, Pastoral Centre staff were working from a former school building rented from the Regina Catholic School Board (RCSD); the rent had been going up significantly and the building was for sale, so a new location plan needed to be made.
- Building on land already owned by the archdiocese made financial sense.
- Building beside the cathedral would allow sharing of parking space, meeting space and some maintenance costs.

2. The first slowdown in the Rebuilding Our Church Campaign happened when the pandemic hit and lockdowns happened in 2020. Other impacts of the pandemic were skyrocketing construction costs and many archdiocesan staff needing to work from home.

3. 2021 Discussions with RCSD:

- In early 2021, the RCSD was considering closing Holy Rosary School and vacating the Catholic Education Centre (CEC) attached to the school. The location of the CEC building next door to the cathedral would have fit well with the location needs of the Pastoral Centre.
- The RCSD invited the Archdiocese to consider acquiring the CEC to serve as the Pastoral Centre, and there were significant discussions at that time about how this could work.
- Later that year, the RCSD decided that Holy Rosary School would remain open, and for various reasons the RCSD paused discussions about selling the CEC.

5. In May/June of 2021, unmarked graves came to light at various Residential School sites, resulting in a pause in Rebuilding Our Church fundraising discussions.

6. In spring of 2022, the RCSD sold the former Pastoral Centre building, and archdiocesan staff moved out. Some worked from home and others worked in interim office space. Office space was found to rent on Scarth St., with staff moving in November, 2022. The lease there is flexible: should permanent space be found, the lease can be terminated after 3 years.

7. Having archdiocesan staff in a new rented location for the time being creates the opportunity to assess what's needed given current realities:

- After 2.5 years of a disrupted work environment due to the pandemic and the move, office space may be used differently than in 2019;
- Continued high construction costs make the plan to build new for \$6M no longer possible.
- In the coming months, if the RCSD is able to reopen conversations about the CEC, that option can again be explored as a potential Pastoral Centre location.

8. Until the discernment process is complete, the Archdiocese of Regina Foundation has set aside 6/17 of Rebuilding Our Church Campaign funds already received for a future Pastoral Centre.