

## Meeting of the IHM Finance Committee

January 10, 2009

In attendance: Msgr. Sean Cunneen, Fr. Tony Kuizon, Paul Cassidy, Tracey Foley, Jeanne Fox, Donard Gaynor, Anne L'Heureux,

Fr. Sean/Anne provided copies of the proposals for the repairs currently facing our parish: carpet replacement for the Church (\$10,334), pew restoration (\$13,295), and the Nazareth Center heating units. United Cooling & Refrigerator provided two proposals: one to repair the 3 heating units (\$21,250) and the second to replace them (\$47,250). UCR assures that the other units are fine. Given the age of the units the decision was made to move ahead to replace them. Fr. Sean will contact Archdiocesan Plant Services to see whether they agree with this diagnosis, and to see whether they would be interested in bidding on the work. Anne will check with UCR to make sure that their proposal included removal of the old units.

Fr. Sean proposed a fundraising campaign for our parishioners, asking them to give (again) their Christmas donation over the course of Lent. For example, if a family gave \$100 at Christmas, they could add \$20 to their weekly donation for 5 Sundays in Lent. Our Christmas collection stands at \$86,000; so if we were to receive this amount again (in addition to our weekly collections) we would have the repairs paid off. The goal is to have the repairs paid for before the end of the fiscal year (6/30/09).

The Parents Guild will donate \$10,000 for the repairs.

The decision was made to roll out this plan via a letter to parishioners ASAP, rather than wait until the Archbishops Annual Appeal (which will take place 2/7-2/8). Anne will take care of addressing envelopes, and recruiting members of the Rosary Altar Society members to help with stuffing envelopes. (Tracey will order stamps). Donard and Fr. Sean will work on the letter, and distribute via email to the Finance Committee for input. Hopefully the letter will go out early week of 1/19.