

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- 1) **What is the timeframe for the discernment/decision?** No timeframe has been given. It is up to the Parish Leadership and Pastoral Council to determine next steps and the timing.
- 2) **Do we as a parish get to vote on this?** Yes, the attached survey is your opportunity to vote on whether the parish remains at its current location or relocates to the St. Teresa of Calcutta - Monches site.
- 3) **What is the importance of a dedicated worship space?** A sacred place is supposed to be used only for worship unless given special variances for other activities by the archbishop, as long as the other activities are not contrary to the holiness of the place.
- 4) **How many Parishes worship in a multi-purpose space?** Two, SMotH (St. Mary of the Hill) and St. Boniface in Germantown. St. Boniface is temporarily using their school gym for their two Sunday Masses. However, they continue to use the parish church for their Saturday evening Mass.
- 5) **What locations are included in the St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish?** The Monches and North Lake locations are considered St Teresa of Calcutta.
- 6) **If SMotH declines this proposal, does the Monches site close?** No. They will stay open and continue to have a Sunday Mass as they currently do.
- 7) **If we decide to relocate to Monches, who will pay for the renovations that will be needed at the Monches site?** A portion (yet to be determined) of the money from the sale of the Hwy "V V" lot owned by the St. Teresa of Calcutta parish would be used. Any and all other costs would be the responsibility of SMotH. Below is a list of various updates and improvements that may be needed.
 - a) Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance throughout Facility
 - b) Electrical and Data Cabling Updates
 - c) Technology Moves
 - d) Bathroom Updates
 - e) Classroom Renovations/Additions
 - f) Office Renovations/Additions
 - g) Fellowship Space (Basement) Renovation
 - h) Kitchen Renovations
 - i) Air Conditioning
 - j) Parking lot expansion
- 8) **What is the Hwy V V Lot?** The Hwy "V V" lot is a 20 acre parcel on Hwy V V in the town of Merton that was purchased by the St. Teresa of Calcutta parish. They were going to build a new church until they realized that it was more cost effective to expand the North Lake location. This parcel is for sale. If SMotH decides to relocate to the St. Teresa of Calcutta - Monches site a percentage of the "V V" parcel sale funds would be given to SMotH.
- 9) **Why would we only get a portion of the HWY "V V" lot sale?** We would only get the portion associated with the St. Teresa of Calcutta - Monches site.

- 10) **If we decide to relocate to Monches, would we be able to use the current classrooms at the Parish center for faith formation?** Depending on the survey results we will investigate as needed.
- 11) **If we decide to relocate to Monches, would our Parish still be called “St. Mary of the Hill”?** Yes
- 12) **What will happen to the Flea Market if we relocate to the Monches site?** The Carmelites have said we will be able to continue to utilize the current grounds for our Flea Market.
- 13) **Could we move the technology from SMotH to the Monches site?** Some could be moved, however some technology could not be moved due to cost, functionality and architectural design of the Monches site.
- 14) **Will we join Committees and Councils with the Monches site?** No, it will become SMotH parish and anyone that is a member could be on a committee or council. The St. Teresa of Calcutta committees and council will remain in North Lake.
- 15) **Can the Monches site people come here instead of us going there?** Yes they could but they want to continue to worship at their site in Monches.
- 16) **Will our cemetery stay with us?** Yes
- 17) **Will we take on the cemetery for the Monches site if we choose to relocate?** Yes. We understand that lots are no longer available for purchase which means the SMotH cemetery may fill up sooner than the 30 years currently projected. Also, there is a \$90,000 perpetual care fund for the Monches site cemetery.
- 18) **How long will the Carmelites be committed to our parish and provide a pastor/administrator?** Father Jude has committed for the foreseeable future and Father Bonaventure will continue to be the Administrator/Pastor for St. Mary of the Hill.
- 19) **Will we be able to continue to use the Basilica/Shrine for sacraments?** Father Jude, the Provincial for the Carmelite order, has said yes.
- 20) **Is there room at the current SMotH site to expand to fulfill the needs of a dedicated worship space, a welcome center and office space for both the Carmelites and SMotH?** That is an option we can explore in discussions with the Archdiocese and the Carmelites if it's decided that we stay at our current site.
- 21) **Can we worship at the St. Therese Chapel?** We can but historically we moved from there to our current location so we could establish our own identity as a parish and have fellowship opportunities after Mass.
- 22) **The Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee is also a parish, can we do the same at The Basilica of Our Lady, Help of Christians (Holy Hill)?** No, Canon Law is no longer allowing religious orders to own a Parish.
- 23) **Will St. Patrick's in Erin work as a possibility?** No, according to the Archdiocese, once a location has been closed it cannot be reopened as a parish.