

Parish Properties

One Church Sold, Other Closed Buildings Under Contract

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The church and rectory of the former St. Ann Parish have been sold and a number of other archdiocesan buildings no longer in use are under contract, according to Msgr. Richard J. Gallagher, executive secretary of the archdiocesan Building and Boundary Commission.

The St. Ann buildings at 1220 Whittier st. in North St. Louis have been sold to Richard Burruss Ministries Inc. The parish is now merged with nearby Visitation Parish and is Visitation/St. Ann at 4515 Evans av.

The parish became known as St. Ann's Church and Shrine after a replica of the statue of St. Anne de Beaupre located in Quebec, Canada, was installed here in 1927. The church was the site of an annual novena that will continue at Visitation/St. Ann. One of the statues of St. Ann was moved to Visitation from the original St. Ann Church, a second went to the Knights of Columbus hall in St. Ann and a third will be sent to Calvary Cemetery.

Archdiocesan buildings now under contract include the former St. Mark Church, school, rectory and convent at Page and Academy avs. That parish is now part of the new St. Augustine Parish at 1371 Hamilton av.

The St. Philippine Shelter, a Catholic Charities agency housing homeless women and their children, is currently located at the St. Mark convent. Tentative plans are for the shelter to move to the former St. Rose Parish rectory at Goodfellow and Maple avs.

The St. Rose rectory is not for sale, but Msgr. Gallagher said its church is. "However, we have no activity on that property as of now," he said.

Both the church and rectory of the former Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish in Wellston are under contract. The archdiocese will retain ownership of the gym, however, Msgr. Gallagher said, and will continue to operate its many charitable programs there. That

parish merged with St. Augustine Parish.

The former St. Casimir Parish in Hathaway Manor has four buildings. Both the church and rectory are under contract. The school is leased to the St. Louis YWCA and the convent will continue to be used by the archdiocesan Special Education Department, Msgr. Gallagher said. That parish joined St. Christopher Parish in Florissant.

The church building at the former Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish on East Linton av. burned down several years ago, Msgr. Gallagher said. Both the school building and gym are under contract. The rectory will remain in

use as the Father Tolten Center, a Catholic Charities outreach center.

The church and rectory of the former Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish at 2047 E. Grand av. are both under contract. The gym, school and athletic field are leased to the Northside Team Ministries Inc.

Parishioners from both Perpetual Help and Holy Name Parishes are now members of Most Holy Trinity Parish, 3519 N. 14th St.

Msgr. Gallagher said that ongoing negotiations are under way with a prospective buyer for the former St. Edward Church and rectory on Clara av. That parish was part of the merger that formed St. Augustine Parish.