



# *St. Charles Borromeo Church*

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My Fellow Parishioners,

Several months ago, Msgr. Aiken wrote to inform the parish that our long-time tenant, *Cambridge School*, had purchased a larger, newer building and that after 13 years in Pikesville, Cambridge would be moving its campus to the Woodbrook neighborhood. In mid-January, over a long holiday weekend, Cambridge did indeed move out of our parish center; though they remained the legal tenant as there was still a year and a half remaining on their lease obligation with the parish.

Over the next several weeks, representatives of the archdiocese, St. Charles and Cambridge held conversations regarding a termination agreement and in early March, Cambridge accepted an offer in principle from the parish that had been approved by our Finance Committee. Meanwhile, Cambridge continued to make rental and utilities payments to St. Charles through the end of February. By early April, after some final negotiations regarding the condition of the building and items that had been left behind after the move, a final walk-through of the property was conducted; the lease termination agreement was signed by all parties; final payments were made to the parish; and Cambridge officially vacated the premises.

In partnership with the archdiocesan Division of Facilities and Real Estate Management, we have been quietly receiving inquiries about our school building's availability; and have in fact shown the building to a half-dozen interested parties since the fall of 2018—without the property even being listed. In January of this year, we also initiated a feasibility study regarding the sub-division of our property; which would be required if the parish ever decided to sell the building. Moreover, within the last several weeks—again at the direction of the parish Finance Committee—we have retained KLN Commercial Real Estate Services as our broker for the purpose of listing the property for lease or sale.

Be assured that as reasonable offers are received, our pastor—in consultation with his staff, our archdiocesan representatives, the Finance Committee, and our Parish Pastoral Council leadership—will make decisions that are in the best financial and ministerial interests of our parish. Please pray for the success of this process, so that Saint Charles Borromeo Church may continue to be *the Catholic Community in the Heart of Pikesville* for another 171 years.

May the Peace of the Risen Lord Be Yours,

Mr. Christopher Welsh, *Pastoral Associate / DRE*