

Presentation to the Property Review Meeting 1st Aug 2021

I understand that the property review report is to be submitted Cardinal John by Oct 21. This leaves just three months to complete a consultation process across all three communities. This is extremely tight and given the problems which have arisen elsewhere and as I believe, unwise. We can certainly report on what property we have.

But decisions on what properties may be disposed of can only be done, once we know what the Parish model will be? There has been no planning on that that I am aware of.

Quoting Synod 2017 as on the parish web site the first two in order

1. People are the church's primary asset.
2. Pastoral needs, mission, and the common needs are paramount.

In terms of urgency there are more immediate matters which need addressing before decisions can be made on property.

The issue of Parish leadership succession after 2021, of which we have just 5 months to go is obvious.

I know nothing of the plans of the Lft going forward. Planning is an important responsibility of leadership. Leaders plan!

- A. Question, after this year what leadership will be in place, or planned for, going forward? This includes Priests?

****These are the people that need to be a part of this property discussion.**

- B. Question, What vision have you for the structure of the communities of St Francis in the medium term 5yrs, and for the long term 10yrs?

****I would be satisfied with a vague outline at least.**

The answer to both of those questions is central to the future of the Parish and to the discussion on property.

A good place to start would be to follow the example of Fr Michael McCabe gave when he spoke here.

In answer to the question of how did he begin his project in Kapiti?

He said that he called together everybody who was active in his three original parishes for a Hui in order to begin visioning a future for the three communities. He went to the people not the other way around.

We have not had that, and it has now been more than two and a half years

Only when that dialogue has begun can we start Planning.

We cannot fully answer + John's request, apart from telling him what property we have, because we are by passing Fr McCabe's first order of business.

As far as buildings are concerned how can we decide what buildings will be needed without knowing what we are providing for?

A Property review determining property needs, does not take the place of that, it follows it. It's putting that cart before the horse.

I would like some answers to those questions from the LFT tonight. Surely after 2.5 years in charge you must have some idea. What is your thinking? *No response from any of them!*

Question to be put directly to Kitty "What plans has the LFT got in place for leadership going forward into 2022". No Answer was forthcoming!