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Dear Friends in Christ,

As you may know, the sale of 1008 Pandora Ave. (former St. Andrew's Elementary School site) is contingent upon the City of Victoria's approval of the rezoning and redevelopment application. The Public Hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 7 pm at the Victoria City Hall**. At this final hearing, members of the public are invited to speak on the proposed redevelopment to the Mayor and Council who will then decide whether or not the redevelopment is approved.

Given the importance of the redevelopment application and the subsequent sale of the property to the overall capital and seismic upgrades of our Catholic Schools in Victoria, we would like to ensure that there is fair and balanced representation from members of the public at the Public Hearing. There is a group of local residents who are actively opposing this redevelopment and they are soliciting people to speak against this proposal. We would like to invite supporters (and those with neutral opinions) to attend in order to provide the Mayor and Council with a more balanced and positive view of the potential improvements that this development will bring to the area.

We need your help!! Please attend the Public Hearing on Thursday, August 27.

We would like to have a roster of speakers, so if you are willing to speak, please provide your name and contact information to leahm@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331. If you are unable to contact us ahead of time, please still attend the hearing as it is vital that members of the public attend to show their support.

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, please write a letter indicating your support. Letters can be written to the attention of the *Mayor and Council* and sent via email to mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca or mailed to: City of Victoria, 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC, V8W 1P6.

For details on the Pandora development, view the link <http://blueskyproperties.ca/projects/bluesky-victoria>

Points that you may wish to include in person or in writing:

- Your support of the redevelopment of 1008 Pandora Ave. (former St. Andrew's Elementary School)
- That the redevelopment will improve the area (be sure to state in what ways the area will be improved)
- That the development adds rental housing which will assist with the housing pressures in the City and surrounding areas
- That a portion of the units proposed are designated "lower income, affordable rental units" guaranteed for the life of the building

Please continue to pray for the sale of 1008 Pandora Ave. to allow us to provide safe, affordable Catholic Schools for a strong foundation for a bright future.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Sincerely,

Most Rev. Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria

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