



2026 Strategic Planning Vision and Listening Meeting

- **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**
- **St. John Vianney Parish**
- **St. Joan of Arc Catholic School**

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A Path Forward for Our Parish Community

- This meeting is about understanding where we are, why decisions are needed, and how we move forward together.
- Full details are in the published Strategic Plan document available on parish websites.
- All work has been done by parishioners

Strategic Plan Process

3 SJV/3OLOL REPS EACH WITH CONCENTRATION
MEET TWICE A MONTH SINCE OCT

200+ PEOPLE IN FOCUS GROUPS IN JANUARY

OVER 1300 SURVEY RESPONSES IN FEB



Guiding Principles



Good Stewardship



Unity Over Division



Pastoral Care



Mission Focus



Benchmark Driven Timeline



Transparency





Who We Are: A Strong Catholic Community



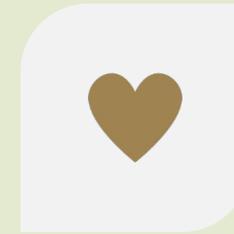
NEARLY 3,000
HOUSEHOLDS



VIBRANT MINISTRIES



STRONG CATHOLIC
SCHOOL



EXTRAORDINARY
GENEROSITY



Our Commitment to the Future

- St. Joan of Arc Catholic School
- \$17.5M raised was more funds than any parish campaign in the history of the Diocese of Davenport
- Investment in faith formation
- Part of a unified campus vision

From Vision to Impact



- K-8 enrollment up 26% from 2024-25 (at Lourdes)
- As of 3/13/26:
 - 371 K-8**
 - 119 Preschool**
 - 25 Daycare**
- Building completed 10% under budget saving \$3M.
- Good stewardship of funds raised so far.
- Land acquired for church.
- Our single biggest ministry as parishes has brought us together.

From the Beginning, We Envisioned More

**Bettendorf Catholic Study
Committee 2018**

Conclusion

Based on the Bettendorf Study Committee's review, the following lists the scenarios in order of favorability.

- 1st – Relocate Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and Lourdes Catholic School**
- 2nd – Renovate (Stay in the current facilities and update the facilities)**
- 3rd – Combine OLOL Parish, Lourdes Catholic School SJV Parish & Relocate**
- 4th – No Change (Maintain current physical facilities)**
- 5th – New School Only (Keep current locations of OLOL and SJV parishes)**



The Realities We Must Plan For



Fewer priests serving larger communities

Rising costs & aging facilities

Mortgage obligations shaping decisions



Inaction Is
Not An Option



The Realities We Must Plan For

Fewer priests serving larger communities

11 of our 34 pastors in 70 parishes reach retirement age by 2028.



The Realities We Must Plan For

Rising costs, aging facilities
& changing community

City Growing Rapidly NE

OLOL facility needing
millions in repairs



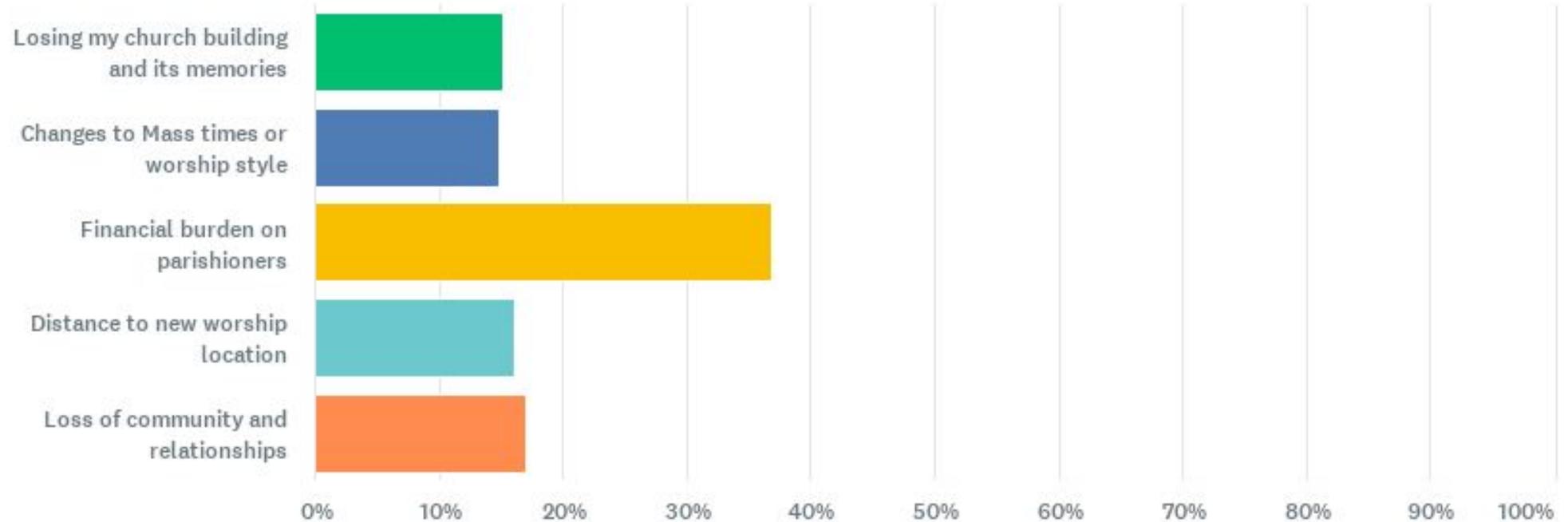
The Realities We Must Plan For

Mortgage obligation shaping
decisions

\$22.5M Mortgage

Would Add \$21M Interest If
Paid Through Term. (2054)

Q7 What concerns you most about potential changes ahead? (Select up to 3)





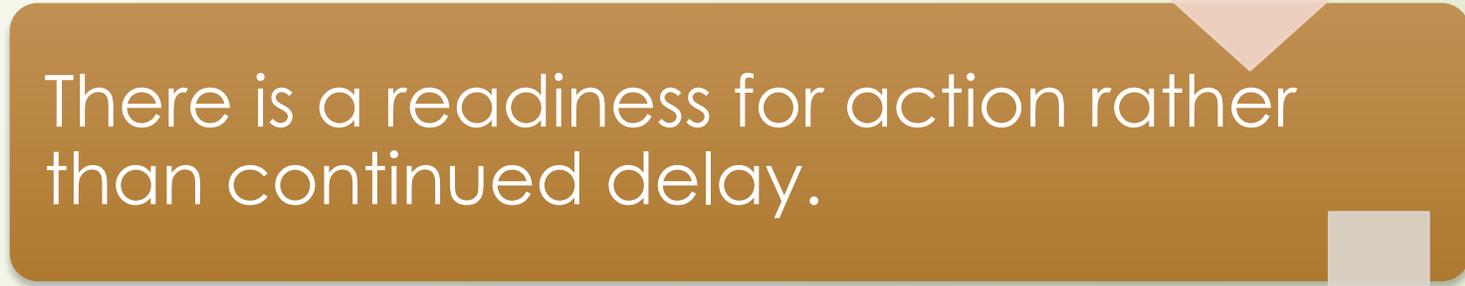
How can the
Catholic Church in
Bettendorf best live
out our mission to
form disciples?



PARISHIONER FEEDBACK



Parishioners recognize change is necessary and support moving forward

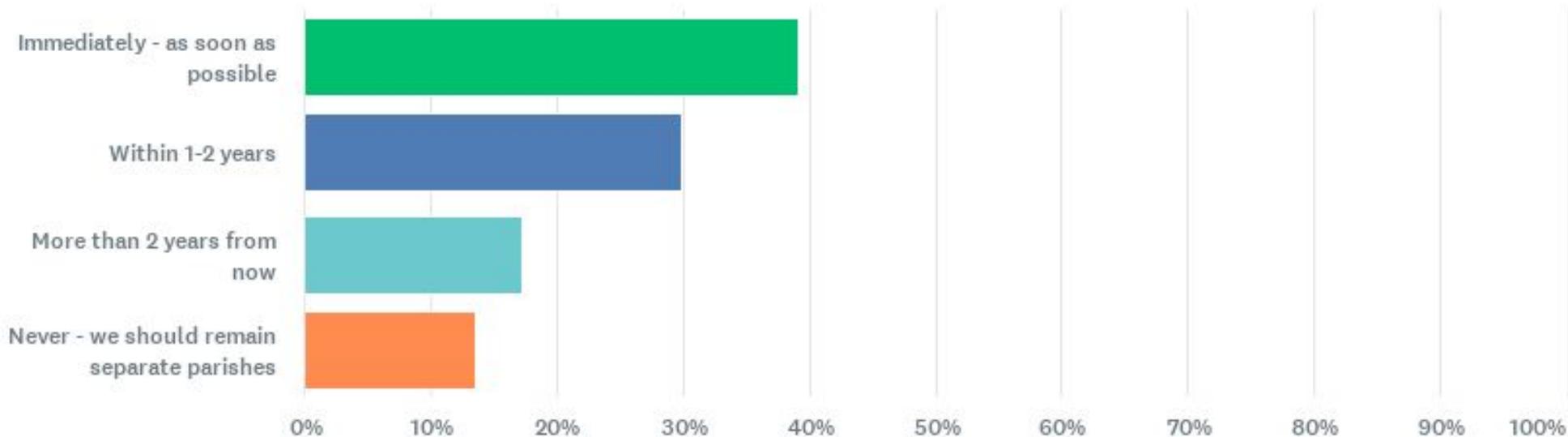


There is a readiness for action rather than continued delay.

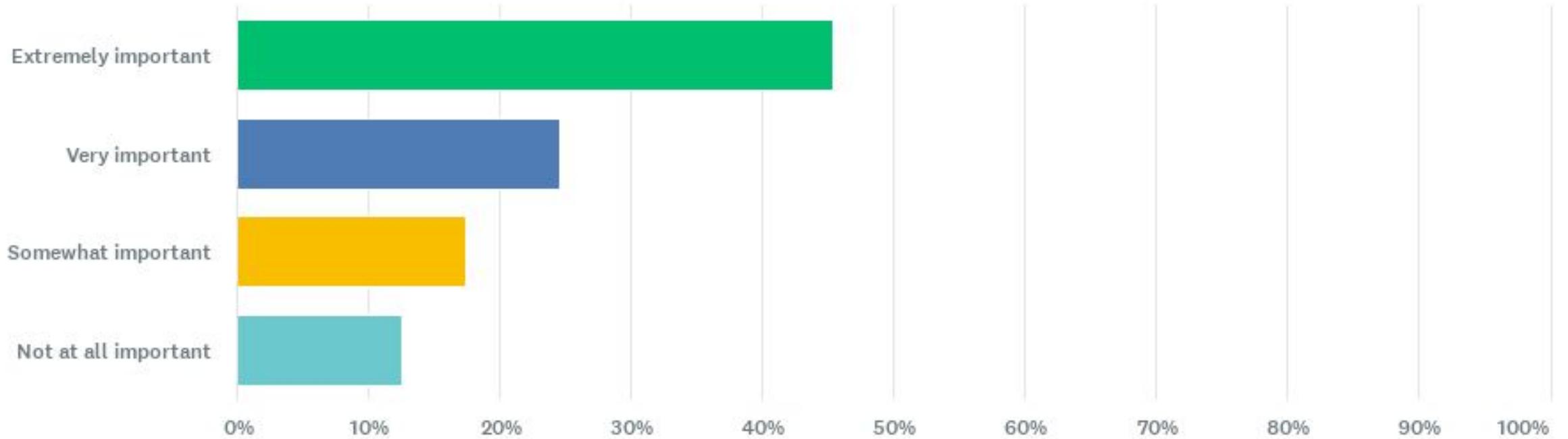


People want a clear plan and transparent communication.

Q9 If our parishes were to become one canonical parish (while potentially operating in two locations initially), when would be the right time?



Q12 Ensuring no one feels like 'winners and losers'





PARISHIONER FEEDBACK

*“Change is not easy for anyone.
However, change is needed here.”*

*“Waiting only makes it harder...
let’s get the ball rolling.”*

*“Transparency and communication
is extremely important during this process.”*

*“God’s will be done,
let’s all keep showing up for our side of the miracle”*



Strategic Plan Roadmap

A Vision Forward

- ❑ **Sharing A Full Vision:** The first steps can't be considered without a full vision.
- ❑ **Recommendation To Leadership:** This plan has been presented to leadership as a roadmap.
- ❑ **Not Set In Stone:** There is much to be determined
- ❑ **Immediate Ideas Can Happen Fast:** Parishes are in position to take first steps.
- ❑ **Benchmark Driven Plan:** Steps will be taken at financial benchmarks more than calendar dates. We will need to be flexible.
- ❑ **End Goal In Mind:** This is a conversation that started as early as 2016. We vision a unified church at SJA school site.
- ❑ **Financial Stewardship:** New church not pursued until school paid in full.



Possible Path toward a unified Catholic campus

Immediate Steps Recommend

- ❑ Complete Canonical and Corporate Merger to St. Joan of Arc Parish by July 1, 2026 (Start of fiscal year)
- ❑ One parish, two campuses
- ❑ Combined staffs, financials, pastoral council & finance committees.
- ❑ Begin Ministry Consolidation
- ❑ Wind down operations in Our Lady of Lourdes School Building, but maintain church & PAC.



Immediate Steps Recommend

- ❑ Combine Parish Bulletins and Websites
- ❑ Establish Church-School Integration Staff Responsibility
- ❑ Develop and Implement Comprehensive Communication Strategy
- ❑ Begin Planning for Diverse Liturgical Styles in Future Mass Schedule
- ❑ Initiate Regional Planning Conversations
- ❑ Rezone and Replat Our Lady of Lourdes Property





Accelerated Mortgage Reduction

- Mortgage can be eliminated by **August 2030**
- Regular debt service: **\$1.8 million annually**
- Accelerated principal payments: **\$4.0 million annually**
- Total annual commitment: **\$5.8 million**
- Accelerated payments continue for approximately **four years**
- **Saves over \$17M in interest**



Accelerated Mortgage Reduction

- Principal reduction before end of 2027 cuts interest \$3 for every \$1 applied.
- \$2 million has already been applied taking 6.4 years and \$6.6M in interest off the loan.
- Diminishing returns over time.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand pointing at a document. The document is filled with various charts, including donut charts, bar graphs, and line graphs, all in shades of blue, orange, and green. The person is wearing a blue denim shirt. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and documents.

Funding the Accelerated Mortgage Reduction

Projected Funding Pathway

- ❑ **Parish fundraising push:** \$15 million from major donor push, existing donor extensions and new donor recruitment
- ❑ **School family contribution program:** \$3 million over 5 years
- ❑ **Eventual Sale of Our Lady of Lourdes property:** \$2 million
- ❑ **Parish resources:** \$2 million has already been applied to principal.

Planning-Level Facility Cost Comparison – Our Lady of Lourdes Options

Targeted Modernization	Selective HVAC replacement, electrical and lighting upgrades, partial interior improvements, limited ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).	\$4M – \$7M
Comprehensive Modernization	Campus-wide HVAC, electrical, lighting, interiors, fire protection, ADA, abatement.	\$8M – \$12M+
Annual Operations	Strictly operating costs of managing the OLOL buildings	~\$200K/YEAR
Demolition	Depending on extent and unknown variables	\$500K-\$700K

Why We Are Recommending Closure of Our Lady of Lourdes

- We act now from strength, shaping our future responsibly.
- Two campuses divide resources needed for ministry and mission.
- The Lourdes facility requires costly reinvestment we cannot sustain.
- Consolidation strengthens parish life and serves future generations.
- Property proceeds reduce debt and secure long-term stability.
- Next step in the process for a new unified St. Joan of Arc Church connected to our school.
- Vianney property sold after new church is open.

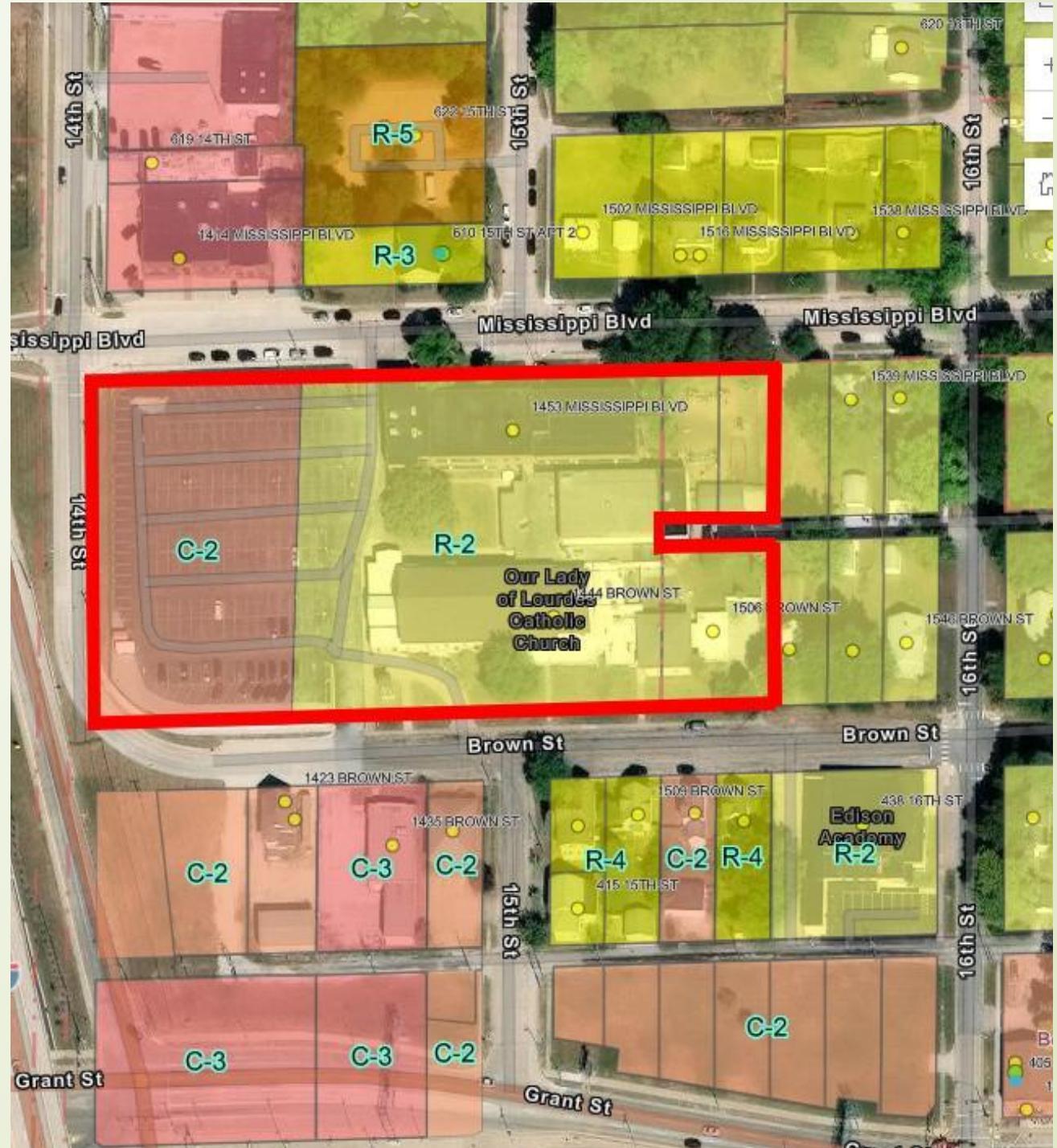
Honoring Lourdes & Acknowledging Grief

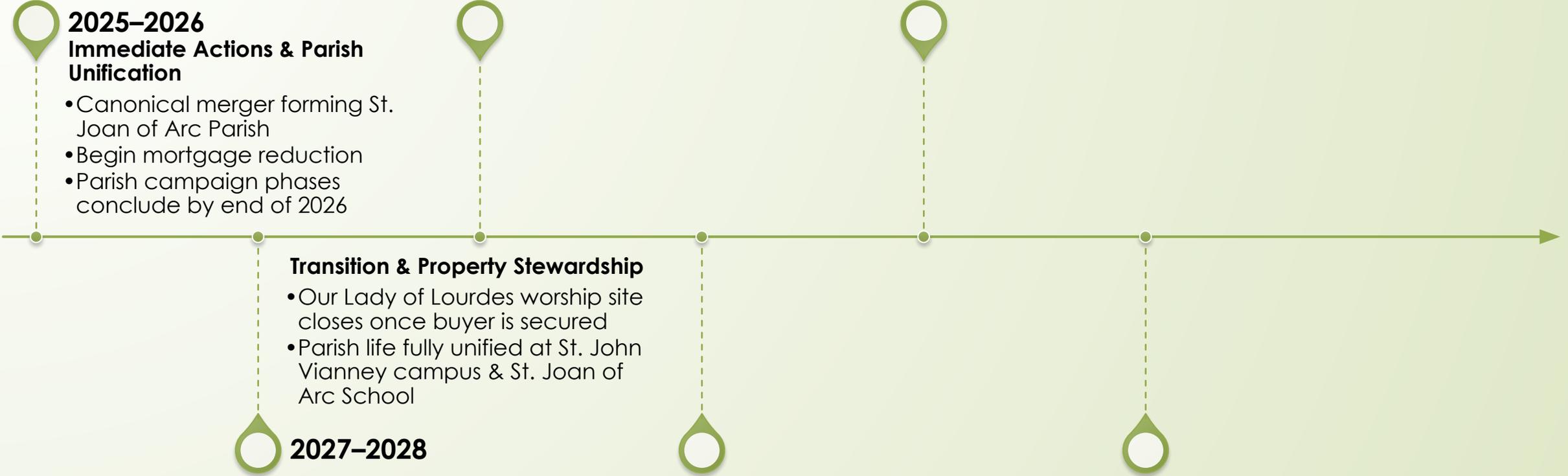


- Sacred home for generations
- Open until suitable buyer secured
- Grief is real and respected
- Sacred items preserved per canon law
- Commemorative and healing celebrations
- There is a place for you

Rezone and Replat Our Lady of Lourdes Property

- Rezone as C2
- Combine into one lot
- Changes Nothing For Lourdes
- Could Substantially Increase Property Value For Future





Possible Path toward a unified Catholic campus

Why Consolidate To St. John Vianney?



- Nearly double seating
- Nearly double parking
- Inspection found no deferred maintenance

Transition Period

Location	Capacity	Parking
SJV	1,000	323
OLOL	550	169
SJA Gym	815	194

Mass Time	Avg. Combined	Max Combined
Sat 4/4:30 PM	659	908
Sun 8/8:30 AM	685	744
Sun 10:30/11 AM	763	812
Sun 5 PM	242	310

Does Not Include Christmas/Easter



Transition Period

- St. John Vianney Hosts Bulk of Masses
- Mid Morning Mass Added at St. Joan of Arc School
- Weddings/Funerals/Sacraments at SJV
- This period strengthens us while we prepare for the future.

Proposed Mass Time	Location
Sat Evening	St. John Vianney
Sun Daybreak (No Music)	St. John Vianney
Sun Early Morning	St. John Vianney
Sun Mid Morning	St. Joan of Arc
Sun Late Morning	St. John Vianney
Sun Evening	St. John Vianney

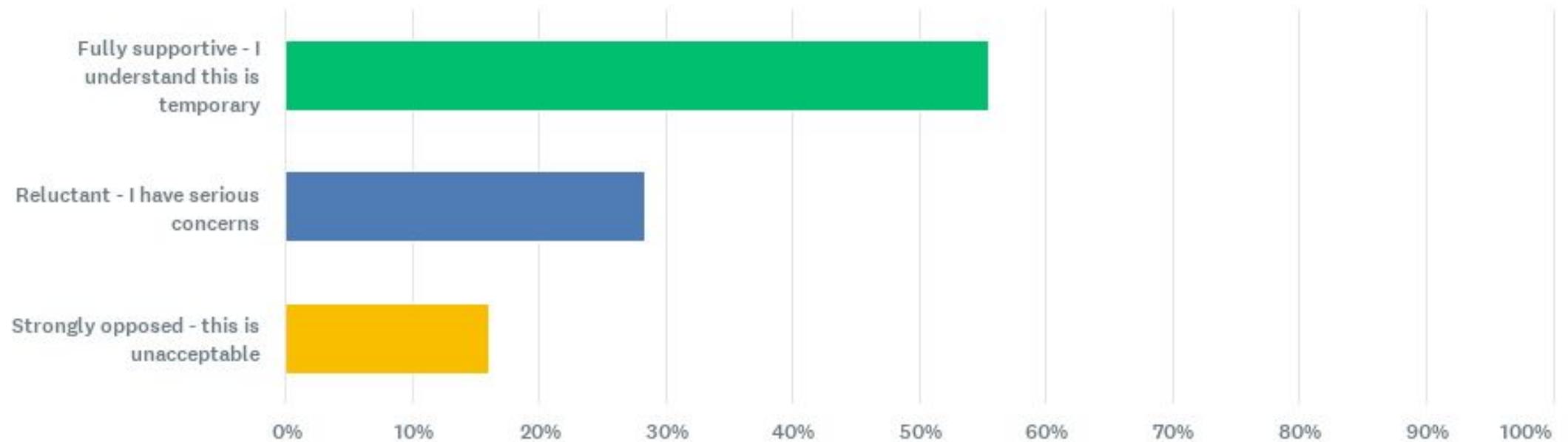


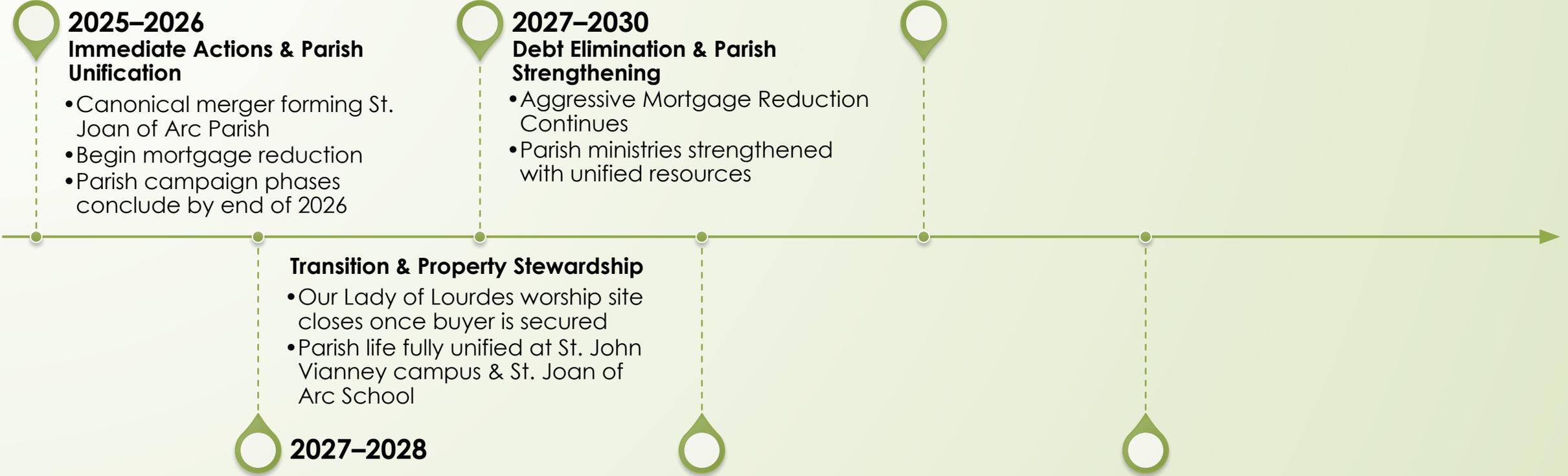
How Will Worship Work At The School?



- Have an altar and sacristy already
- Folding chairs on floor
- Gym bleachers
- Overflow into common area

Q10 How do you feel about potentially worshiping in temporary spaces (like St. Joan of Arc School) during a transition period if it means better long-term outcomes?





**2025–2026
Immediate Actions & Parish Unification**

- Canonical merger forming St. Joan of Arc Parish
- Begin mortgage reduction
- Parish campaign phases conclude by end of 2026

**2027–2030
Debt Elimination & Parish Strengthening**

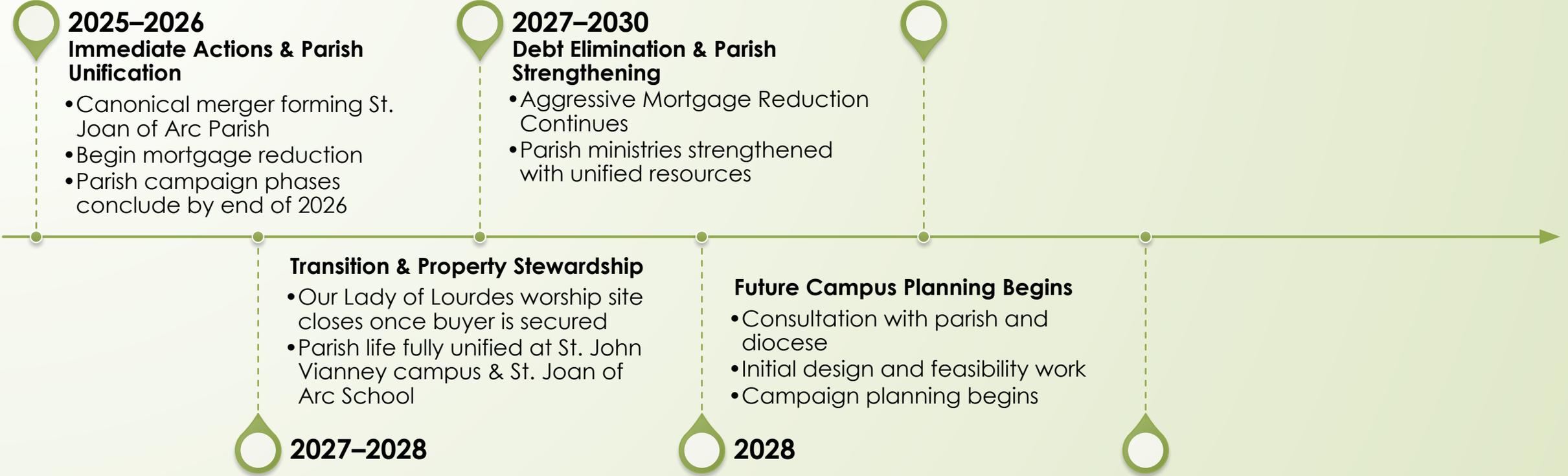
- Aggressive Mortgage Reduction Continues
- Parish ministries strengthened with unified resources

Transition & Property Stewardship

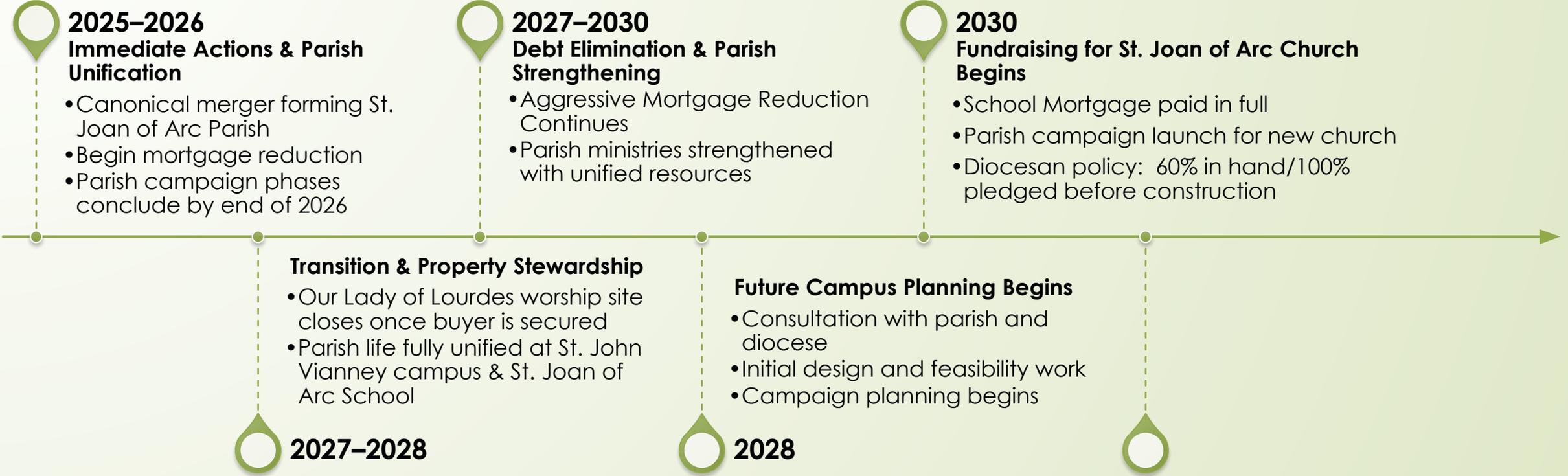
- Our Lady of Lourdes worship site closes once buyer is secured
- Parish life fully unified at St. John Vianney campus & St. Joan of Arc School

2027–2028

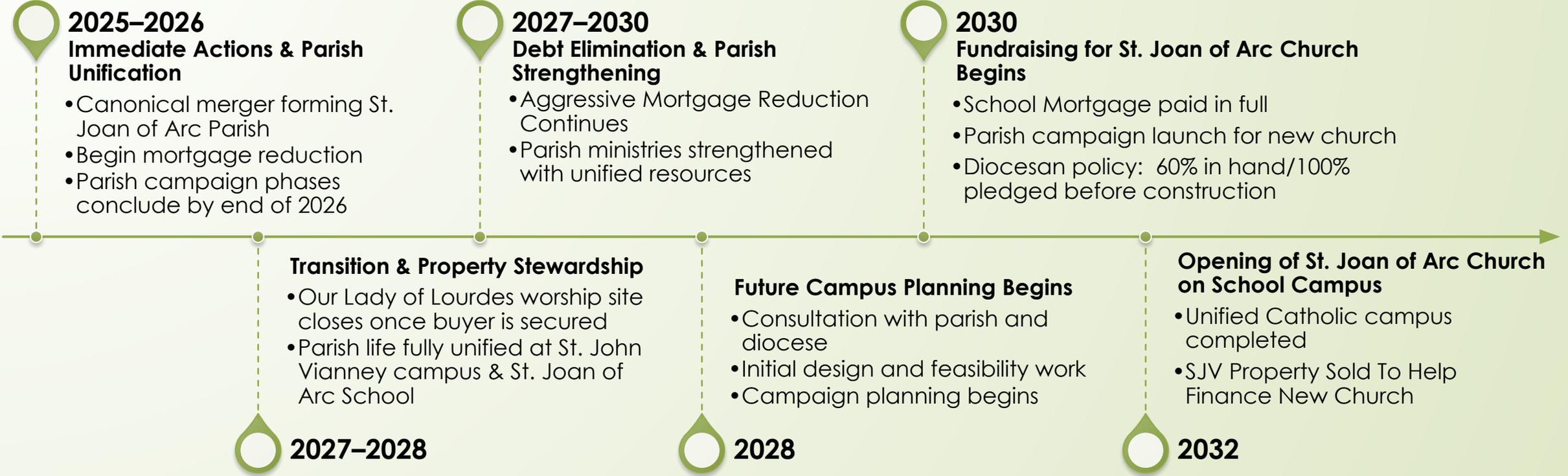
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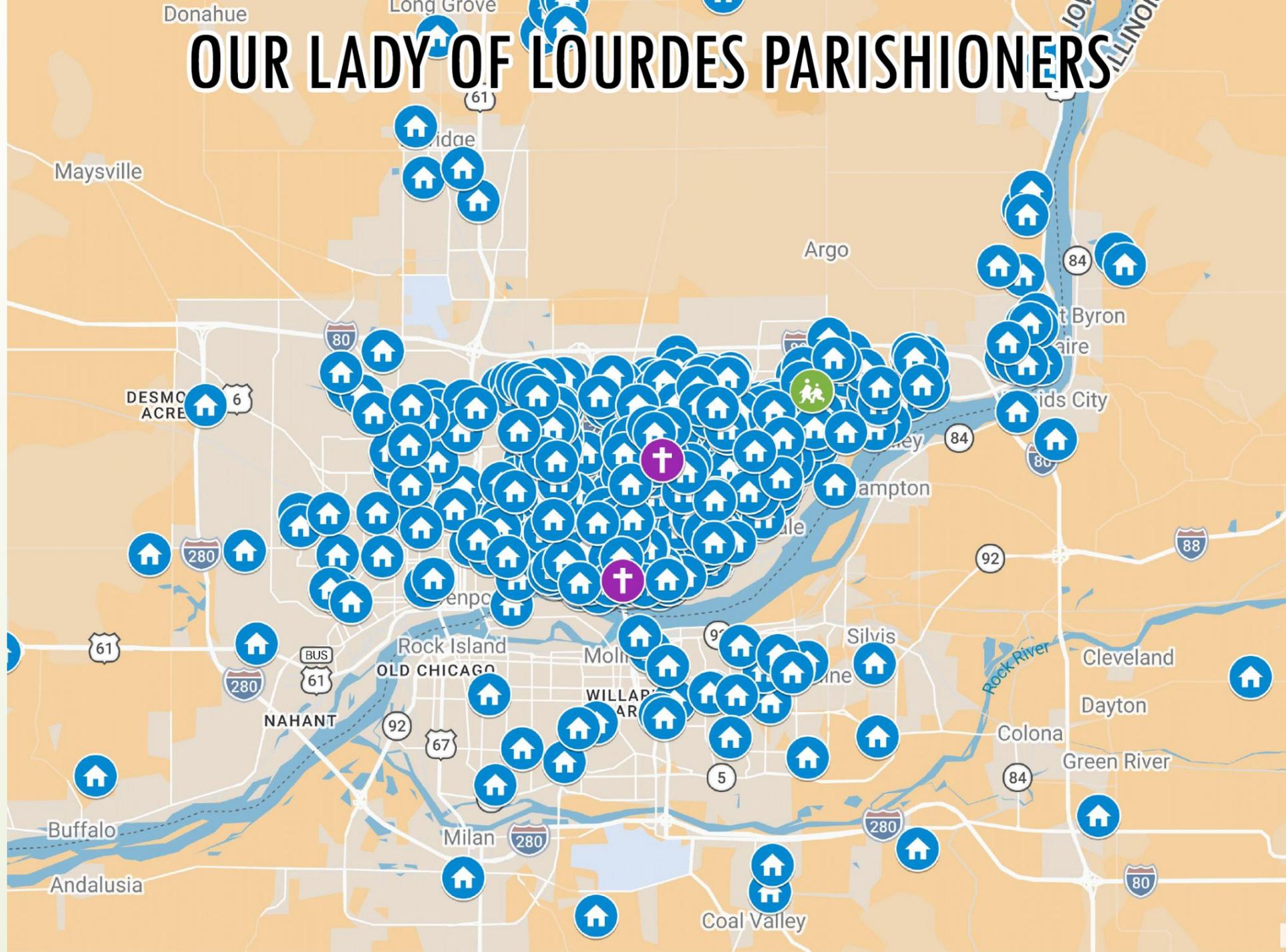


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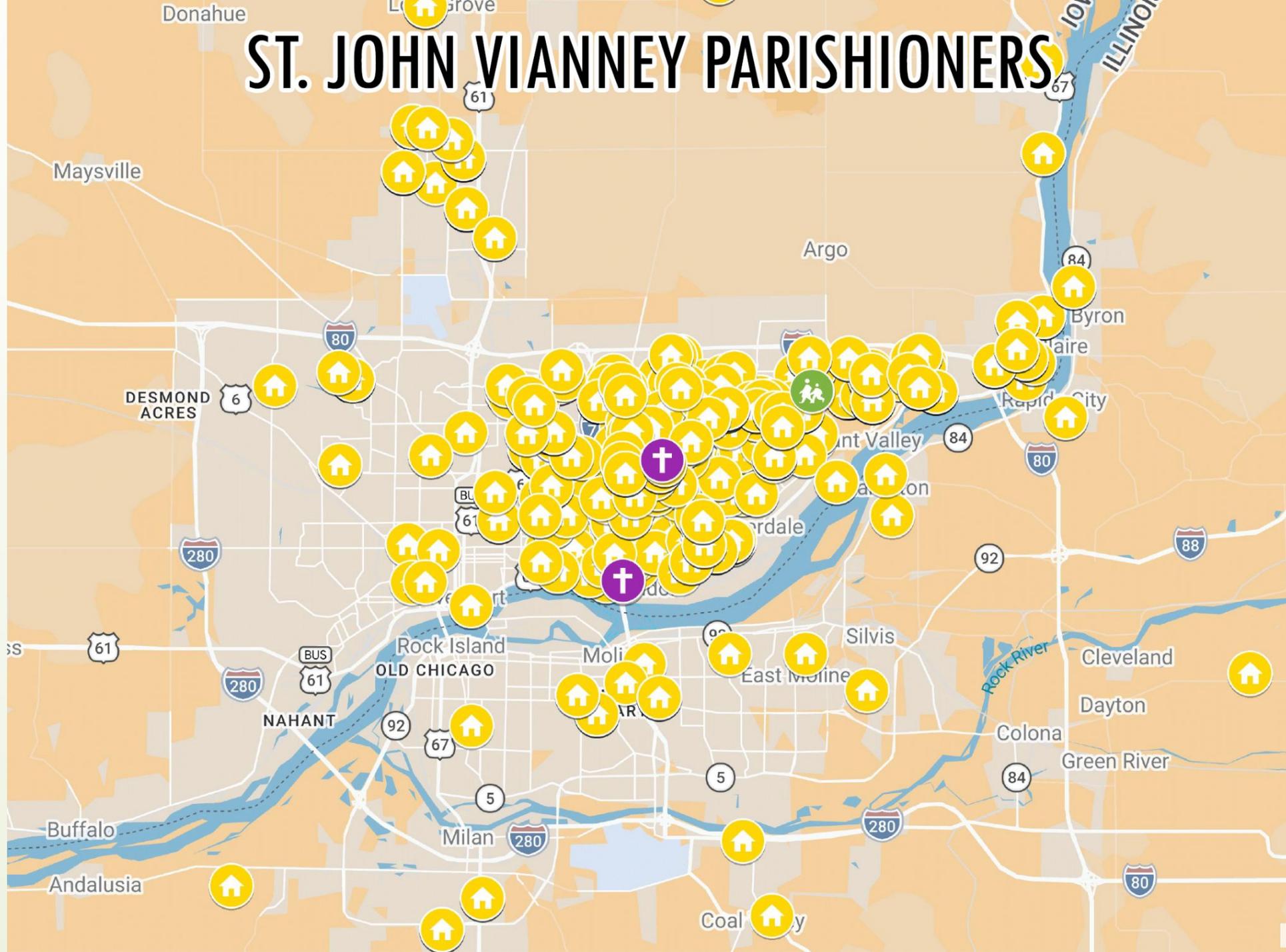
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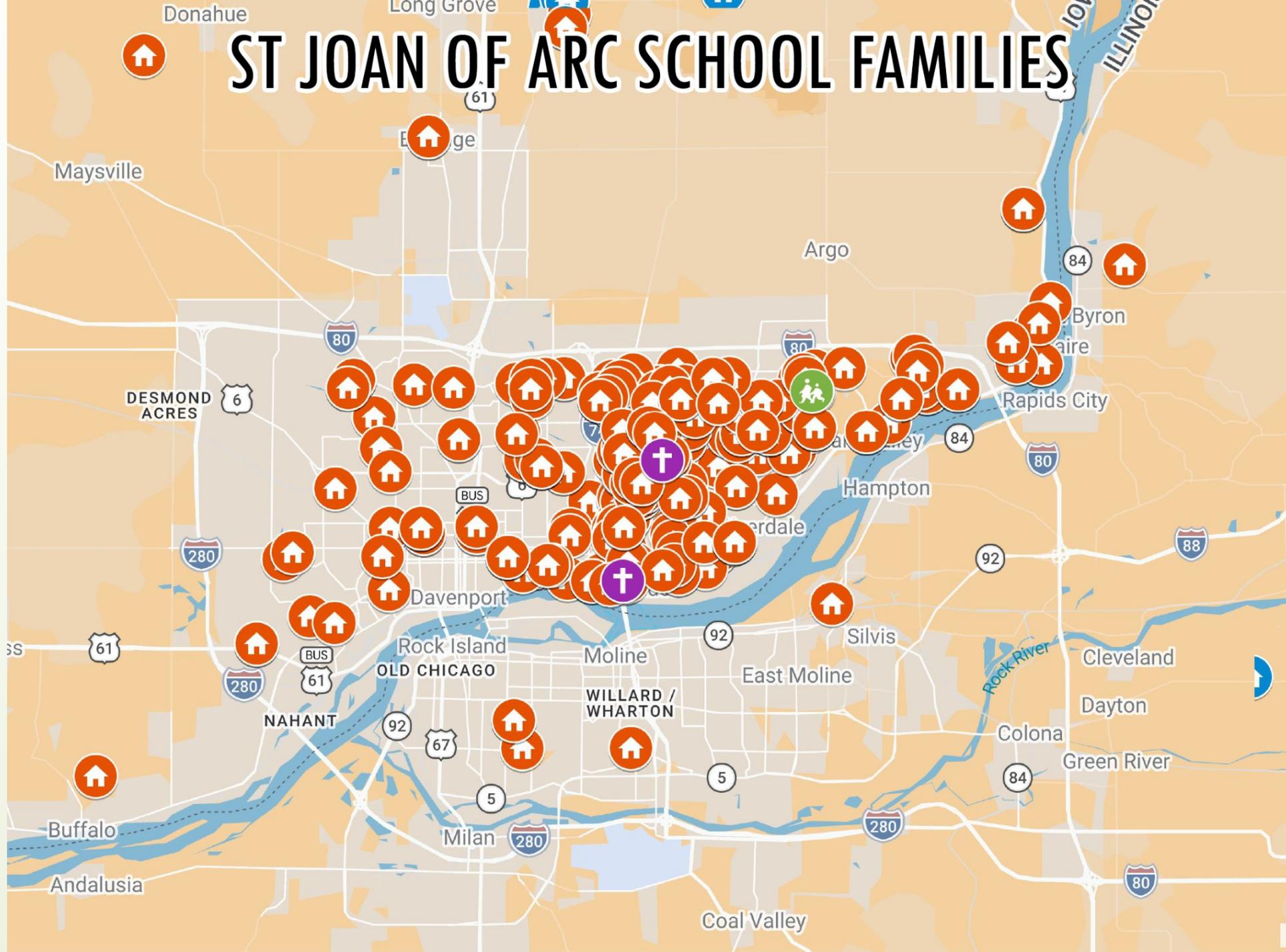
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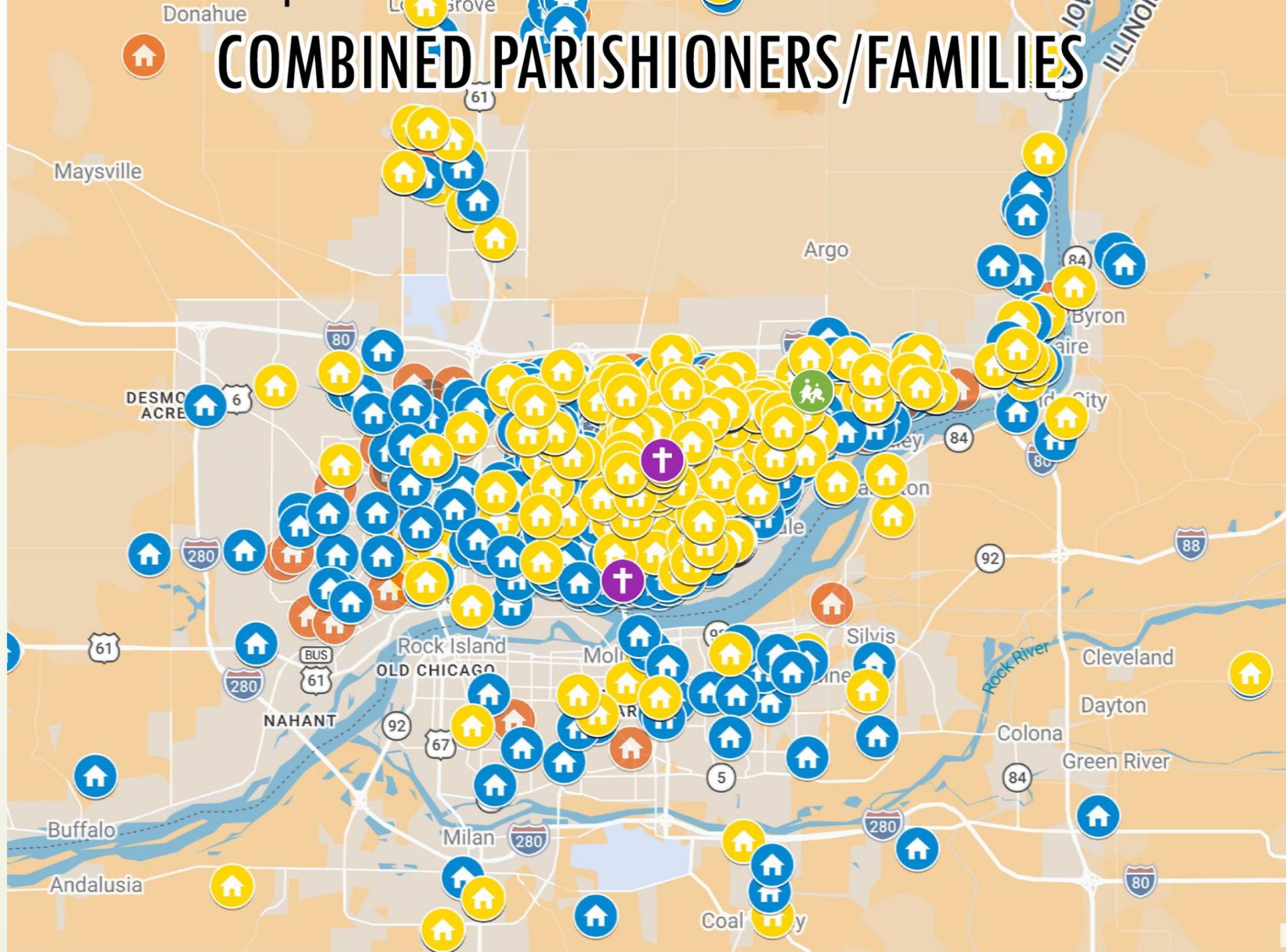
ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISHIONERS



ST JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL FAMILIES



COMBINED PARISHIONERS/FAMILIES



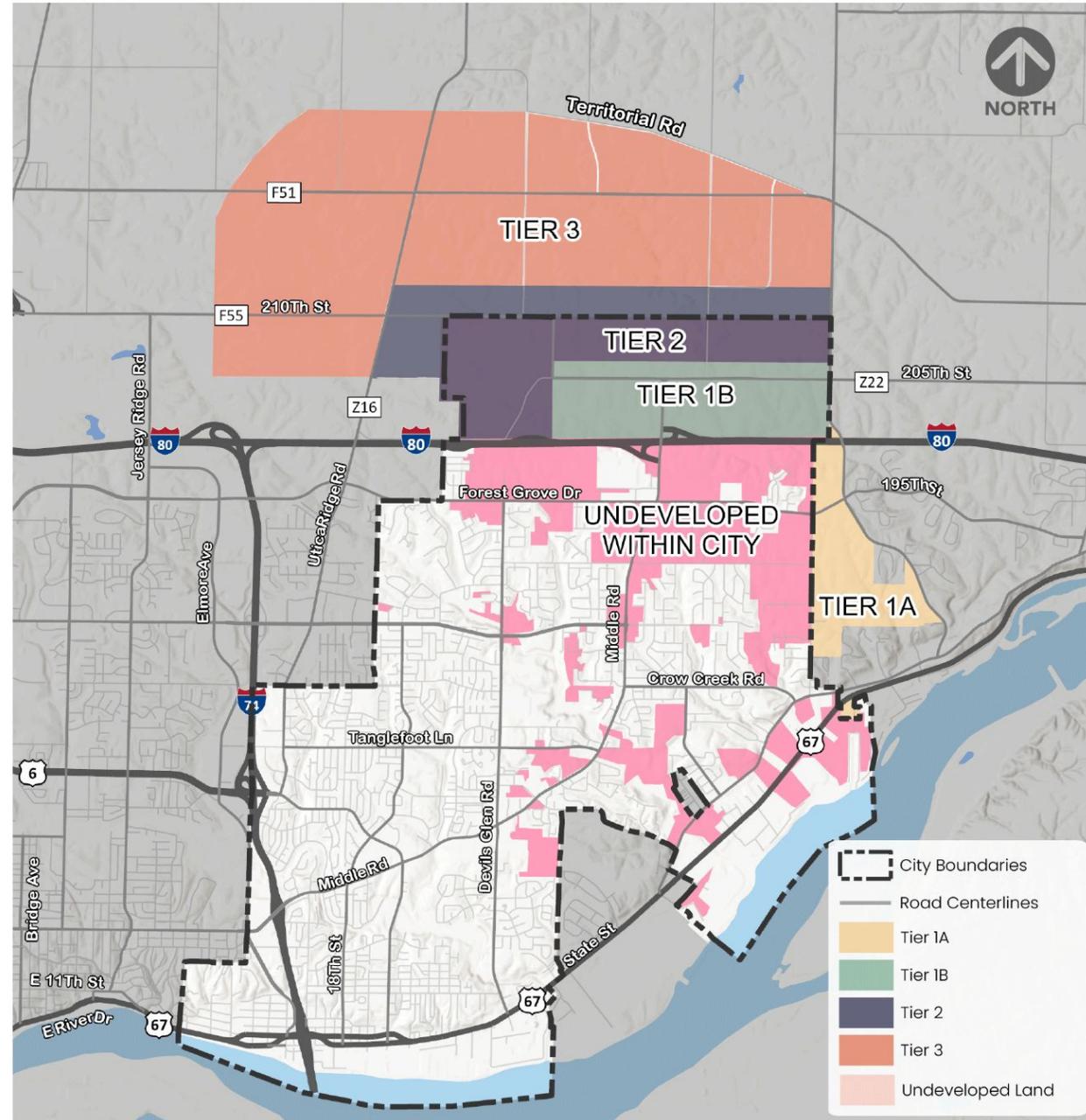
DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Map 1.5 shows the potential areas for future development, including the areas for annexations and the urban fringe. These potential development areas contain a total of approximately 10,618 acres. These areas were split into the following development categories:

DEVELOPMENT AREAS	
Undeveloped Areas within City	2,482 Acres Short-Term Development
TIER 1A	890 Acres Short-Term Development
TIER 1B	890 Acres Short-Term Development
TIER 2	1,807 Acres Long-Term Development
TIER 3	4,549 acres Long-Term: Urban Fringe, currently outside of 2045 planning horizon.

Source: RDG Planning & Design

MAP 1.5 - BETTENDORF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AREAS



Source: RDG Planning & Design



Debt
elimination



Unified Catholic
campus near future
city center



Church on
school site



Stronger
ministries



Our turn to share
our faith with
future for
generations



Vision
Beyond
These
Decisions

Measuring Success



FINANCIAL BENCHMARKS

Debt Reduction

Campaign Success

Property Sale

Balanced Budget



COMMUNITY METRICS

Mass Attendance

Sacramental Life

Youth Ministry Growth

New Parishioners



MINISTRY METRICS

Combined Ministries

School Church Integration

Communication Effectiveness



STAFF METRICS

Staff Retention

Clergy Health

Leadership Development

Bishop Walsh's Support

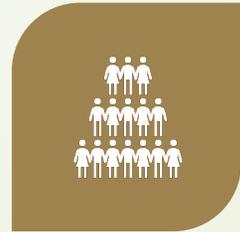
- Bishop is supportive of where the parish wants to go
- Bishop is not pushing us in any direction
- He requires a sound financial path forward
- Will meet with parishioners 6 PM, April 20 at the school



What Happens Next



TRUSTEES AND
FR. RICH SEEK INPUT



BISHOP WALSH
MEETING
MON. 4/20/26



DECISION POINT



ONGOING
COMMUNICATION



BENCHMARKS
GUIDE PROGRESS

A stained glass window depicting a woman, likely a saint or warrior, wearing a red cloak and ornate armor. She has long, wavy hair and a serene expression. The background is filled with intricate patterns and colors, including blue, gold, and red. A large, dark red arrow-shaped banner is overlaid on the top left, containing the title text.

A Future Rooted in Hope

- We are strong
- We invested in the future
- We are fulfilling our vision
- We will build something lasting for generations to come

Discussion And Ideas



- Biggest Hope?
- Biggest Concern?
- Unanswered Question?