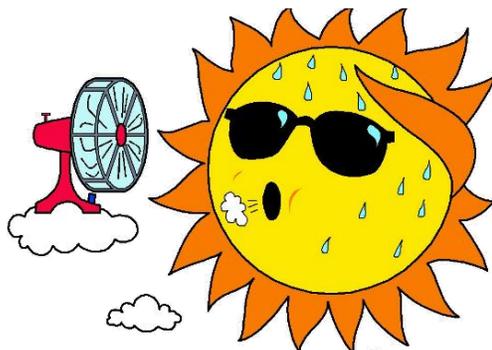


St. Paul the Apostle Church

2777 Albany Street, Schenectady, NY 12304

Dear family,

I wish to apprise you of a long-term difficulty in our parish. As you may know, I have assumed residence at St. Paul the Apostle rectory, since it is the closest rectory to the Pastoral Center in Albany, the seat of the Tribunal where I minister full-time. The rectory has living space for the priest, as well as offices on the first level for the parish.



The building has a heating and air conditioning system that is original, installed in 1969 when the rectory was erected. The heating function is decent, but the problem is with the air conditioning. We have been advised that the system should have been replaced in the 1990s, as the system is optimal for only about twenty-five years or so. As I write this message to you on Sunday, June 27, the temperature in the kitchen with the air conditioning on the coldest setting is 82 degrees! Considerable money is spent to maintain the system, and the best maintenance cannot remove the humidity from the building, because only one of two chillers is functioning. I am not one who likes to spend money on a project for my benefit, but in this situation, action does need to be taken in the long run for those who work in our offices and for any priest who will follow me in this ministry.

To replace the entire system for the large building would be a considerable cost, at least a six-digit figure! The finance council and I have discussed ways to alleviate the problems, especially in the summers where the building is largely uninhabitable. We have settled on a step-by-step approach, fixing the areas that need to be addressed first. For us, this would be my residence, in those rooms of the rectory that are used most.

The system upgrade for this area is for three split-duct units at a cost of \$11,900. Three bids were reviewed, and the lowest bidder was selected for this job. May I ask your consideration for an offering just for this project alone? The proceeds from our next two drive-through chicken dinner events will help defray this cost, as well as a special second collection on the weekend of July 17-18, again, only for this project.

I am most grateful for your kindness on helping to fund a working air-conditioning system for at least the part of the residence that I use most! I welcome any questions or concerns you may have.

Thanks so much -- God bless you,

Fr. Frisoni