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Galilee Centre has a bright and promising future!

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI Lacombe Canada) decided last September to terminate their ministry at and withdraw from Galilee Centre sometime during the summer of 2024. We received this news with tremendous sadness, given the incredible contributions Galilee Centre continues to make to support the journeys of so many people. The Oblates' intention following their withdrawal was to sell the entire Galilee Centre property, as was done recently with their retreat centre, Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre, in Saskatoon, SK. That property was put on the open market for sale earlier this year.

Following the September announcement by the Oblates, the Board of Directors of Galilee Centre made a proposal to the Oblates in October to retain the parcel of land upon which Galilee Centre sits – should we be able to raise funds to do so. The remainder of the land would then be sold separately. In November, the Oblates signed an agreement with the Board of Directors outlining the terms and conditions of the above-described proposal.

Since that time, a number of generous donors have contributed to Galilee Centre such that we are in a position to compensate the Oblates and retain the parcel of land (about 15 acres) upon which the buildings sit in order to continue our mission. In addition, Cavanagh Communities has signed an Agreement of Purchase and Sale (APS) to purchase the remainder of the land. Cavanagh Communities is undertaking its due diligence and looks forward to consulting with the community as they develop their plans.

As Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI, Provincial, said in his letter of December 8, 2023 – which announced the arrangement with Galilee Centre (GMCA) – “the GMCA Board of Directors would assume total control and ownership of the [retained] land and buildings after compensating OMI Lacombe Canada.”

This is good news indeed! Galilee Centre has a bright and promising future!

As more information becomes available about the future of Galilee Centre, we plan to hold public information sessions to answer your questions. Please check our website for updates about these future sessions.



(David Perrin, Board President and Megan Postin, Executive Director)