

St Ann's Parish Center Renovation Fund and Religious Education Update

I would like to update all of you on the Renovation Project and the opening of the Religious Ed Program. I have both good news and bad news to share. I will give you the bad news first. We have completed our negotiations with the contractors and unfortunately at this time we are not able to start the renovations. The original contractor that we hired had agreed to give us payment terms of net 6 months. Therefore, we were going to be able to do the renovation and pay for it within 6 months' time. However, the new contractor was not able to offer us the same terms. We would have needed to pay, net 30 days, which is not possible for us to do. Therefore, we will now need to raise the money prior to starting the work. We will be doing many fundraising activities over the next few months to pay for the renovations. We thank you in advance for your support of our fundraising activities.

Next, the good news. We will be able to have our Religious Ed Classes for Grades 1-8 at St John's, starting the first weekend of December. When we were initially analyzing our facilities, there were some concerns regarding St John's Hall, which prohibited us from being able to open the hall. I am happy to say that these issues have been resolved so we are now focusing our efforts into being able to open the hall by the first weekend of December to be able to have Religious Ed classes in the hall. We will be purchasing the air filtration systems for St John's hall and for both of the churches.

We will spend the next few weeks working on St. John's hall to be able to open it on time for class. There are many volunteer opportunities regarding getting the hall ready. We need people to help us paint and we need people to help us move furniture. If you are able to help with either one of these, we would greatly appreciate the help! Please email me if you are able to help at: Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your help.