

Dear members in Christ,

Shalom! Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This is to inform the congregation members further about the Senior Citizen Home Project.

St. Mark's Cathedral of the Karnataka Central diocese embarked on the project 'Senior Citizen Home' with an intent of providing basic facilities in an environment of peace and tranquility for the senior citizens who longing to lead an independent and dignified life. The project 'Senior Citizen Home' which envisages to fulfill a long pending desire of late Jeffry Pawar, a member of the Cathedral, who had bequeathed a large sum to build an abode for seniors with the said intent.

The project was initiated formally in the month of Sep' 2019, though there were some ground work done (Survey) since Sep/Oct 2018 and Dec 2018. The steering committee which consist of the members from property/building committee, Senior Citizen Home and PC (Rev. Vincent Vinod Kumar, Mr. Deepak Pothan, Mrs. Hephzibah Doss, Mr. John Wesley Amose, Mr. David Stephen, Mr. Leslie Pearson, Mr. Christy Joseph, Mr. Jacob Joseph) was formalized. The meeting met at regular intervals and completed the following project plan and the same has been presented to the PC during it's month meeting.

Sl. No	Major Task	Status	End Date
1	Proposal to PC about the project by Senior Citizen's & Home Sub committee	Completed	Sep-2019
2	PC gave approval, requested to form Steering committee and it has been formalized	Completed	Oct-2019
3	Announcement in Pew slip for getting Architect Prospects	Completed	Dec-2019
4	Steering committee Kick off meeting	Completed	Jan-2020

5	Meeting with Rt. Rev. Bishop along with the PC, Preset the plan.	Completed	Feb-2020
6	Shortlisted Architect and proposed the name to PC	Completed	Apr-2020
7	As per the instruction got from Diocese office, the PC resolution was made to construct the Senior Citizen Home. It was also resolved to communicate the plans to the congregation members once the drawings and schemes are ready.	Completed	Jun-2020
8	The Senior citizen project plan was reviewed with the building committee. Note: The building committee convener could not get a chance to update the progress that were made by the steering committee due to Covid-19 situation.	Completed	Aug-2020
9	The first version of drawings review by the Steering committee.	Completed	26-Sep -2020
10	The second review with Building committee and PC	Planned	Oct – 2020 (3 rd Of Oct)
11	Communication to the congregation members	Planned	Oct-2020
12	Inauguration	Open	Dec-2021

The proposed plan is to construct G+2 floor building with ~16 to 18 rooms of single and double occupancy in place of existing home with the super built up area ~3800 Sq. foot to ~4000(68x60) at ground and overall (~12000 sq.ft) with the project cost of ~Rs. 2 crore and

complete it by CY2021. There was a request for basement, however after the advice of the architect it was considered not to have the basement. The operating model is to run the home in a self- sustaining, not for profit and not for charity. The preference will be given to Seniors of St. Marks who are the members at 5 years of the age of 65 and followed by other members of CSI Church of KCD and so, based on the availability.

A Resolution of the Pastorate Committee of St. Mark's Cathedral, Bangalore, as duly adopted at a meeting held on the 8th of July, 2020, that the Seniors Home Project will be undertaken as a Church project and to be constructed out of the funds bequeathed by late Jeffry Pauer. Any shortage of the funds to complete the project will be raised through sponsorship/donation. The Presbyter and PC members are the witnesses to this resolution. The resolution was presented to the Dioceses office to formalize an implementation committee to execute it with the empowerment of St. Marks Church.

Key Principles

- Respect and fulfill the congregation members wish of having senior citizen home inside the Church campus
- Reconstruct the home in the existing place
- Use late Jeffry's fund for the purpose it was designated
- Follow the Dioceses process
- Empower to appoint the Architect by St. Marks
- St. Mark's will not transfer the fund to Dioceses, rather it will release the cheques for the expenses after the bills are being reviewed by the implementation committee and the appointed Architect.
- Operating Model: Self – sustained manner and not burden the Church
- Not for Profit and not for Charity
- The priority goes to the St. Marks members while allocating the rooms
- Sponsors are welcome to sponsor the rooms for the needy
- Run Home in a professional manner and by following the established policy. Ref (project proposal for additional details)

I kindly request to contact me for any questions, suggestions on the same by 30th of Oct. or write to care4citizen@saintmarks.in

In Prayers

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