

Frequently Asked Questions Related to the Relocation and Affiliation Project of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

“As you may be aware the Seminary is currently engaged in a process to find a new home by relocating and affiliating with a local Catholic College or University. The timeline for this process is expected to last for several years. In the meantime, while the Seminary community has benefitted greatly from its benefactors over the years, as we embark on this important journey we need your continued support of our ongoing operations more than ever.” Bishop

Timothy Senior, Rector, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, January 2017

Is the Seminary still considering consolidating and renovating buildings?

Saint Charles Seminary has ceased any further actions to consolidate and renovate all Seminary operations in the Theology Division buildings. The Seminary is in dialogue with Neumann University regarding an affiliation with that institution and the relocation of the Seminary on or near the Neumann University campus.

Is there an agreement of sale?

Currently the Seminary is negotiating with Main Line Health System for sale for the existing property.

How will the move/affiliation change the program?

Saint Charles Seminary has a well-respected and solid program of formation for priests and deacons. This will not change and will be the foundation for our affiliation with a new partner.

The program is strong; evidenced by a continuing trend of increased enrollment, continued substantial contributions to the annual Seminary appeal, and ongoing additions to an already well-respected faculty.

Moving to new facilities will significantly strengthen and enhance our Seminary, enriching and better serving the contemporary academic, spiritual and human needs of our seminarians.

There is a long history of commitment to Catholic higher education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Seminary is looking forward to the opportunities that an affiliation of this nature would present for both the seminary and the partnering institution.

Why relocate the Seminary and not just renovate the existing campus?

The decision to relocate to a new campus instead of renovating the current Seminary buildings was not an easy or unsentimental one. Various alternative models of operation were developed and considered by independent third-party consultants. The conclusion was that the consolidation model was not viable and that the most sustainable model is

relocation and affiliation. Coupled with this, studies with respect to a capital campaign projected greater success in support of relocation rather than renovation of the existing campus.

What is the approximate timeframe for the relocation?

The Seminary is committed to engaging in a complete and robust process. The initial phase of this project was to identify a partner institution, which is Neumann University. If the current discussions are successful and with board approval, due diligence and implementation phases will occur during the subsequent 3-4 years.

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