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Reverend Patrick Tepoorten  
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Dear Father Patrick:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Report, which you will be presenting to the Parish Pastoral Council, from the study group set up to explore the future use of St. Gerard's Church in Wildwood.

After reading the Report, I believe it to be in the best interest of Church of the Assumption Parish that discussion of a possible sale now be put on hold, and that a time of discernment occur. A period of five years would give the Parish ample time to study the overall finances of both the entire Westview complex and of St. Gerard's property. Preparing a detailed examination of expenditures and revenue in each case would be helpful in future discussion.

Please convey my gratitude to the members of the study group, which provided the analysis of the ecclesial situation in Powell River. I am very grateful for the time and energy they expended on this initiative.

While recommending this time of discernment, I am also aware that those who worship at St. Gerard's, or who have an attachment to it, will need to collaborate in its maintenance and upkeep. It appears that long-range needs include a new roof by 2020 and a new furnace.

With cordial best wishes and the assurance of my prayers for you and all your parishioners during this time of discernment, I remain,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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