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Dear brothers and sisters of Holy Trinity Catholic Church,

The year 2021 ushers in some very special occasions for our parish. We turn particular attention to the five priests who gave their lives serving the sick during the 1873 Yellow Fever Epidemic in Shreveport. We treasure the stained-glass window memorials of them in our church. And we give thanks to God for the Vatican's recognition of them as "Servants of God": the first step to canonization as saints.

In addition, this year we commemorate the 165th Anniversary of our parish, the 125th Jubilee of our church, and the 122nd Anniversary of our church's dedication. Today, September 26, our anniversary Mass was celebrated by the bishop of the Diocese of Shreveport, The Most Rev. Francis Malone, and me your newly named Pastor. By the grace of God, our parish is experiencing exciting growth and spiritual reinvigoration right here in in downtown Shreveport!

During Mass and in the presence of Bishop Malone, with great pleasure I announced our real estate acquisition of the former Greyhound bus station located at 408 Fannin Street directly across from our parking lot. The building contains 12,600 square feet and once held a terminal, ticket office, restaurant, freight operation, and administrative offices. As you may know, the building was constructed in 1947 and has stood vacant since Greyhound relocated to the SPORTRAN Intermodal Terminal in November 2017.

The new real estate acquisition represents an outstanding strategic opportunity for our downtown parish. Within the densely developed downtown Shreveport, opportunities for contiguous property expansion are not common. Our first goal was to make the acquisition while it remained a possibility. Next, we will work with the Diocese of Shreveport and newly assembled committees to study potential uses for the property, keeping in mind the building's unique mid-century architecture and its historic significance to our city.

I offer sincere thanks to you and all the members of Holy Trinity parish for your prayers and support. May the Lord God bless you all in abundance.

In Christ through Our Lady the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Rev. Duane C. Trombetta
Pastor