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Diocese of Venice chooses land in West Villages Florida for new church campus

West Villages, FL — The Diocese of Venice swapped vacant land and purchased additional lands for a total of 46 acres along River Road just south of the intersection with Tamiami Trail in West Villages Florida in the same development. The Diocese will build a new church campus since the land previously owned was not sufficient for the future parish site.

“This location in West Villages is an ideal location for the Diocese to expand, to meet existing and future pastoral needs due to rapid growth in the area,” said Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. “This is all part of the strategic planning by the Diocese of Venice.”

The Diocese sold 20 acres of land it had owned in West Villages toward the new property. “This benefits both the Diocese and the residents of West Villages,” said West Villages General Manager, Martin Black, AICP, ICMA-CM. “We feel the property the Diocese had owned here is well suited for our commercial development.”

Because home sales in West Villages are brisk and the Diocese is continually considering pastoral needs, the deal is well timed. “It will be a great benefit to the people buying homes in West Villages to have a community resource like the one that the Diocese is developing,” Black said.

West Villages is the fourth fastest-selling community in the United States and the Diocese also is growing. “We are in the right place,” Smeryk said. “The deal is about planning and growth.”

About West Villages Florida

The 10,000 acres that comprise the West Villages (www.MyWestVillages.com) are located adjacent to the Tamiami Trail corridor in South Sarasota County between the urban centers of the City of Venice and the City of North Port. The community is being developed by a partnership that includes Mattamy Homes (www.MattamyHomes.com), the largest privately owned home builder in North America, and Vanguard Land, one of the region’s premier and well-respected land developers. In 2017 John Burns Real Estate Consulting named West Villages Florida the 4th fastest selling Master-Planned Community in the country.