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***A Message from  
The Basilica Heritage Foundation Inc., St. Bonaventure's College Inc, and the St. Bon's Forum Corporation***

***Protecting the Foundations of our Future***

To maintain and protect a vital piece of our history, our culture, and our city, the Basilica Heritage Foundation Inc., St. Bonaventure's College Inc., and the St. Bon's Forum Corporation announce that they are pursuing a joint bid for the purchase of the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and its block of attached properties. The sale of this property is an important component of the compensation plan for the abuse victims of the former Mount Cashel Orphanage.

These properties, in the heart of our city, may attract outside buyers with commercial intentions, endangering the very existence of an integral piece of our community and history. This is a big part of why we are dedicating significant efforts to safeguard this complex, a National Historic Site of Canada, through a collaborative and unified approach.

As a group, our intentions are focused on the preservation of this historic, culturally significant, and spiritual landmark. A landmark that belongs to the people of this province and provides a sense of “place” and belonging to so many. We believe that our purposes and intent will bring new life to the communities who call these buildings home and help us to provide a warm welcome to all who visit.

Acquiring these properties will mean that the Basilica Heritage Foundation will be able to maintain and preserve the Basilica as the faith, heritage and cultural centre for Newfoundland and Labrador and as well the parish for the St. John's city centre. It will also mean that St. Bonaventure's College will be able to continue to educate students, focusing on the whole person: mind, body and spirit. Furthermore, the Forum will continue to operate as a hockey rink facilitating recreation, athletics and leadership training.

We move forward with this endeavor inspired by hope, faith and the goal of doing what's right for our community and home province.

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