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Dear Friends and Supporters,

In this Chapel Rebuild newsletter we have some very good news to share!

After 16 months of weekly updates to our Chapel fundraising status, we have reached our fundraising goal of \$3 Million!! (In case you're not aware of the total amount raised up till last week, it was \$770,935). A significant donation was given on Wednesday this week, which happened to be the Solemnity of St John the Baptist, patron of the Christchurch Diocese, and St Joseph's day, the Saint to whom we had especially entrusted this work. As we continue to thank God, rejoicing in this unexpected blessing and celebrating in true Carmelite style, we wish to once again sincerely thank all those who have so generously contributed to make this happen. Our special thanks also to Bishop Michael Gielen for his support and encouragement for us on this fundraising journey.

We are aware that some may have been intending to donate or were aiming at one of the fundraising tiers. We want to let you know that any further donation will continue to go to the Chapel rebuild as the construction cost is finalized.

Some weeks ago, we saw draft images of the original Sacred Art designs (stained glass windows, altar, statues of Our Lady and St Joseph etc). We are very happy with them! We hope to have more details about sponsorship for the Sacred Art of the new Chapel in the near future.

The building plans were lodged for Council consent on June 2nd. We've already been in discussion with our builder about the projected timeline of construction, so we will update you on that as plans progress.

All the Sisters wish to assure you of our continued and grateful prayers for you and your intentions.

May God bless you!

Your Carmelite Sisters

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