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### **Diocese offices closed next week**

*Beginning Tuesday, March 26, offices are closed to the public until relocation is complete.*

The temporary Diocesan Pastoral Center at 64 E. Broadway, will be closing to the public effective Tuesday, March 26, as employees and movers relocate furniture and other equipment into the new diocesan offices at 192 S. Stone Ave, Building #2.

The new offices are directly north and next door to St. Augustine Cathedral. The four-story building also will become home to the offices for St. Augustine Cathedral Parish, and to the Cathedral Square Conference and Education Center.

**The diocesan offices will reopen to the public at the new location on Monday, April 1 at 8 a.m.**

Between Monday, March 25 and through the weekend, Pastoral Center email and telephone may be out of service for one or more days, and diocesan staff may not be able to view or respond to email for one or more days during the week-long closure. The closure does not affect parishes or school operations.

When the diocesan offices reopen, all phone numbers and emails will be the same as before the move.

#### Background:

The Pastoral Center at 64 E. Broadway in the heart of downtown Tucson was opened as a temporary location in October 2016, following the closure of the Bishop Manuel Moreno Pastoral Center offices at 111 S. Church Ave. The Church Avenue building was sold to the Foundation for Senior Living (FSL) to build a 7-story building of apartments for seniors and to

work in tandem with the now restored Marist College building that became home to eight apartments for seniors and a senior recreation center for both sets of apartments.

During the last three years, construction of the Conference and Education Center has been ongoing. The building is the last of five buildings around St. Augustine Cathedral restored or constructed and completes the project now known as Cathedral Square.

In all, buildings on the campus include:

- The restored St. Augustine Cathedral.
- The now restored Cathedral Rectory, the oldest building on the Cathedral Square campus dating back to the 1890s.
- The fully restored Marist College building, which started as a boy's school in 1916 and housed Tucson's first desegregated elementary school. Eventually it became diocesan offices but was vacated in 2001 when the offices were moved to the Church Avenue location.
- Our Lady's Chapel. The chapel also was built in 1916, but was abandoned within just a few years. It later became the Marian Data Center. Following the closure of those offices, the chapel building was relegated to use as a storage area until its restoration as a worship space was completed in 2016.

Final work on the Conference and Education Center will continue until the building's public grand opening on April 28.

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