

I first met Father Bolduc while we were building the church called St. Joseph's in Armada, MI. I was later transferred to a new job in Topeka, KS. I was working for Southwestern Bell when I had an employee by the name of Leonard Renyer who informed me that there was a Jesuit property for sale in St. Mary's KS. He had heard me talking about finding a place to have mass said.

For a while we had been attending mass in Kansas City at a rented hall. Fr. Bolduc was our pastor. Later Father began to say mass in our basement in Topeka, KS. I decided to take a trip out to St. Mary's and view the property. I was amazed that the beauty I saw...the stained glass windows on the Immaculata, the statue of the Virgin Mary in the circle, and the beautiful green grounds. I knew at once I had to phone Father Bolduc and tell him about the gem I found. Father was excited and wanted to see the property with me immediately. We both made the trip together to St. Mary's to see the property. Father was excited to see this property and immediately had a vision and pure faith that this property would belong to the SSPX. He envisioned a school and a huge parish that would flourish for time to come. The two of us stood out in front of the property and made a joke that maybe they would use only 10% of all the buildings.

Father Bolduc phoned his Superior Fr. Kelly about the property. Father Kelly and Fr. Jachatta (sp?) both flew out to view the property. Father Kelly told Fr. Bolduc, I'm sorry, but this will never happen. This is something we could never afford and don't pursue any further. Father decided to make an executive decision to continue to pursue the property, because he KNEW God would provide.

Father Bolduc then contacted the Land Investment Company based of Denver, CO. The president, VP and their attorney flew out and met them at a very humble restaurant located in Rossville, KS. During the meeting the investment folks were telling father they needed nothing less than \$9 million dollars. Fr. Bolduc proceeded to tell them, that he had no money...only \$18 in checking account. Father told them he needed them to donate the property. Their jaws dropped from father's statement. The president of the company was indignant and very agitated along with the other two, and immediately got up and stormed out of the restaurant. I apologized to father because I was embarrassed that they reacted this way towards a priest. Father then told me, not to worry, they WILL donate it. Father's Faith never wavered. I on the other hand thought father had only a pipedream.

About four days later, Father phoned me and said, they're donating the property. I was shocked and ashamed that I didn't have the same Faith as Father Bolduc. Father then gathered the courage to call his superiors and inform them that the property was donated.

When the property was acquired parishioners from KC made several trips to help clean up the property. The Immaculata was cleaned by my daughters and the Shibley daughters one week before we were to say mass in it. Unfortunately, the church burned down before this could happen. There were 3 buildings that were cleaned and painted so that several folks could move in and stay there. If it wasn't for the Faith of father, St. Mary's College wouldn't exist. If it wasn't for the fruits of the parishioners who worked so hard to get the property going...it wouldn't be done.

Next issue was paying for the deposits for the gas, water, electric and sewer. Again, we only had \$18 in our checking account. The city wanted 1k for deposits. I informed them that we just didn't have the means to pay it. Through the grace of God, those fees were waived.

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We had a huge issue that needed to be reconciled. There was no heat for the buildings. Boilers needed to be put in. There was a Traditional Catholic by the name of Mr. Henry Beemster who donated all the money for this to be done.

Later, I found out from Carlita Brown who had typed of the Angeles and several books, that Father Bolduc acquired the Queen of Angels church in Dickenson, TX. The church had a huge hole in the dome. Father looked at the church and said we can fix it. Father was able to buy the church because of the donation from Mr. Henry Beemster. After which time, we were told that St. Vincent's Church in Kansas City was up for sale. Father Bolduc worked through prayer and had this protestant bishop purchase the property for (50K?) as a straw buyer. The diocese of the SSPX found out that Father Bolduc had purchased this property and they were very very angry.

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Today St. Mary's College is using 100% of the rooms and all of the buildings and has nearly 1k students in the grade school, high school and college.