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Today's article in the Buffalo News and on WKBW Ch 7 has caused concern and anxiety in our Newman Community.

I want to clarify some points.

The BUFFALO NEWS article (February 28, 2024) by Jay Tokasz included photos of various properties which have been **appraised** – or are **being appraised**—by the Real Estate company hired by the Diocese. One photo was of the Newman Center at UB. That is a concern to many people.

**It is not possible to say with certainty whether or not the UBNC will be put up for sale**

to settle any liability the Diocese has with regard to the clergy abuse scandal and cover-up.

I have communicated information to the Newman Community as swiftly as we receive it. Much of what applies to UBNC in the BN article is similar to the information I shared in our Newsletter last week.

The staff and the lay leadership of UBNC are working diligently to ensure the future ministry with the UB Student and Staff population as well as the resident community. In a collaborative and consultative way, we are trying to navigate a **very complex situation**.

**The Newman Center is not currently being offered for sale.**

It is my sincere hope that we will be able to avoid that possibility as we go forward.

Thanks for the many messages of concern and support.

I am completely dedicated to the mission and ministry of our Newman Community, as are so many of you. I'm thankful for all the professional, knowledgeable, and cogent support being given by the Newman Community.

*St. John Newman:*

*Pray for Us!*

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