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A clarification on events surrounding the fundraiser, entitled Penny Appeal, held at Petrus Hall on August 21, 2024

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg has a policy of not permitting the use of parish facilities for political purposes, either domestic or foreign. On August 21, 2024, a Canadian Charity, called Penny Appeal, rented Petrus Hall in Winnipeg, a parish facility, to have a fundraiser for one of the Charity's needy causes. A speaker, Assim Al-Hakeem, was invited by the Charity to address the people on the importance of charitable giving. Unfortunately, this speaker is known as a political activist. The parish was notified by the Archdiocese about this situation and was instructed to tell the Charity to disinvite the guest speaker, but due to circumstances, the disinvitation did not occur. As a result, changes were not made to coincide with diocesan policy.