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Dear Friends of Queen's House,

It has been just over two weeks since we received word from the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the religious order which owns Queen's House, about their decision to bring to an end their ownership and involvement in our retreat centre. We now have a few important updates which we would like to share with you. This first is that, as of this time, the property has not been sold. This gives the wider community some time to take a deep, prayerful, and creative breath as we discern how we might move forward. The second is that a time of celebration for the 65 years of leadership and ministry that the Oblates have given to our community will take place in July – further details will be shared with you as we know more.

While the future of this retreat centre and its ministry to the ecumenical, interfaith, and secular communities in our province and beyond remains uncertain, the details above have become clearer in the last two weeks, and we wanted to share these important details to you at this time. Thank you for keeping Queen's House, our staff and volunteers, Advisory Board members, Oblate community, and the Oblates themselves in your prayers as we move into the future with faith and trust.

Brendan Bitz, Executive Director