

Diocese of Bridgeport Parish Pastoral Plan “Building a Bridge to the Future”

Part One: Introductory Information

Parish:

Christ the King Parish

Pastor:

Reverend Lawrence F. Carew

Date:

September 30, 2016

Parish Task Force Members:

- 1) John Scinto
- 2) Mary Ann DeFusco
- 3) Marian McCarthy
- 4) John Karolus
- 5) Jim McNamara
- 6) Colleen Coyle
- 7) Noreen Douglas
- 8) Deacon James Brown
- 9) Carlos Perez
- 10) Dan Record
- 11) Jennifer Record

Leadership Position:

Finance Council Member
Trustee, Pastoral Council Member
Finance Council Member
Building & Grounds Coordinator, Pastoral Council Member
Finance Chairperson
D.R.E., Pastoral Council Member
Pastoral Council Member
Pastoral Council president
Task Force Member
Task Force Member
Catechist, Task Force Member

Signature of the Pastor:

Rev. Lawrence F. Carew

Pastoral Challenge #1: Worksheets for Parish Goals and Action Steps

Please note: One Worksheet must be completed for each pastoral challenge to be addressed.

A. Pastoral Challenge to be addressed:

- Catechesis and Education
- Leadership
- Evangelization
- Liturgy and Worship
- Family Life

B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area: *The task force unanimously agreed that the most pressing need of our fellow parishioners is for all of us to enter into a personal encounter with Christ which blossoms into the awareness of the call to be a disciple. This is the foundation of everything else we are meant to do as church.*

C. Statement of the First Goal to be achieved: *While we have invited parishioners to attend numerous programs geared to inspire parishioners into longing to encounter Our Lord personally, we need to offer them more frequently, as we explore new evangelistic programs not yet made available up until now.*

a. Action Step# 1 to achieve the Goal: *We cannot achieve this stepped up focus on evangelization without a significant increase in already evangelized parishioners willing to volunteer as coordinators and/or discussion leaders when these “encountering Christ” kinds of programs are made available. Various appeals from the task force and clergy especially at weekend Masses need to focus on this recruitment need.*

Summary Information for Action Step #1:

- Timeline for completion : *Task Force to appeal for volunteers at Sunday Masses over the next two months.*
- Responsible person/Task Force: *Task Force*
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): *Evangelization*
- Projected Costs (if any): *\$500.00*

Pastoral Challenge #2: Worksheets for Parish Goals and Action Steps

Please note: One Worksheet must be completed for each pastoral challenge to be addressed.

A. Pastoral Challenge to be addressed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechesis and Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelization | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy and Worship |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Life | |

B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area: *A significant number of parents whose children are enrolled in our parish religious education program do not attend Mass regularly. They thereby send a mixed message to their children: "Worship of God and your relationship with Him isn't that important."*

C. Statement of the Second Goal to be achieved: *Assembling a variety of ways of reaching out to these parents including the offering of evangelistic outreach programs to them, along with programs fostering adult religious education.*

a. Action Step# 1 to achieve Second Goal: *Offering one hour weekly programs to parents who drop off their children for weekly religious education programs. They would be invited to attend these programs at the same time as their children are in class. Our parish has also just subscribed to Formed.org, a website offering a wealth of Catholic study programs. We need to regularly encourage parishioners to "taste and see."*

Summary Information for Action Step #1:

- Timeline for completion: *Task Force members to appeal for volunteers at Sunday Masses over the next two months.*
- Responsible person/Task Force: *Task Force*
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): *Family life; Youth ministry*
- Projected Costs (if any): *\$1,919.88*

(Please complete this page only if the parish plan proposes additional action steps to realize its Second Goal)

b. Action Step #2 to achieve Second Goal: *Pope Francis' post synodal apostolic exhortation: "The Joy of Love" is presently being offered to Catholic laity in power point presentations, video programs and succinct summaries. We will sample and then select and offer those which we find to be most appealing. We will be on the look out to find and present other programs supporting Christian family life.*

Summary Information for Action Step #2:

- Timeline for completion: *These offerings hopefully will begin in early 2017.*
- Responsible person/Task Force: *Task Force*
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any): \$500.00

c. Action Step #3 to achieve Second Goal:

Summary Information for Action Step #3:

- Timeline for completion :
- Responsible person/Task Force:
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any):

A. Temporalities and Administrative Challenge to be addressed:

- Buildings and Facilities Finances
 Community Life

B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area: *The Church/religious education parish office building is over 50 years old. While the majority of repairs and needed updates have already been identified and taken care of, we still need to bring other needed renovations to completion.*

C. Statement of the Third Goal: *While approximately two thirds of our renovation/repair goals have been achieved and paid for over the past four years, a number of smaller repairs need to be implemented and then paid for as well.*

a. Action Step# 1 to achieve Third Goal: *Presenting to parishioners a full listing of the numerous repairs and updates already accomplished and paid for. At the same time, we need to inform them of the projects still in need of being taken care of, along with an estimate of what this will cost once our remaining renovation funds are depleted. We also await the results of an energy audit, sponsored and directed by our diocesan office. We would will then determine and decide whether solar panels, etc. would be cost effective for us.*

Summary Information for Action Step #1:

- Timeline for completion: *Bathroom completion in early 2017, Partial parking lot completion in the summer, 2017.*
- Responsible person/Task Force: *John Karolus, Building and Grounds Chairperson*
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): *Real Estate Office*
- Projected Costs (if any): *\$111,000.00 (\$3,000.00 bathroom repair & \$108,000.00 parking lot.)*