

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

| Part One: Introductory Information

Parish: Sacred Heart Church/ Stamford

Pastor: Rev. Alfonso Picone

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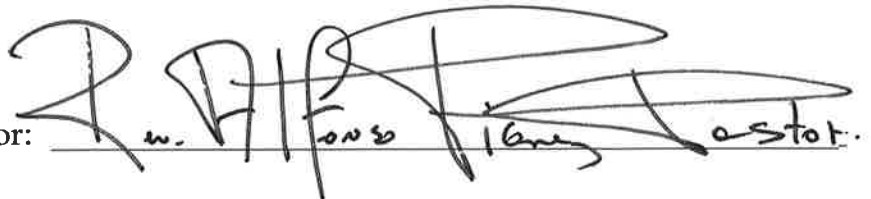
Parish Task Force Members:

Leadership Position:

- 1) Louis Sileo
- 2) Lucas Romero
- 3) Paul Messanelli
- 4) Marie Loiseau
- 5) Frank Leone
- 6) Art Iacuzio
- 7) Andreas Grajales
- 8) Len D'Andrea
- 9) Fran Bianco

Add additional lines if there are more Task Force members

Signature of the Pastor:



Rev. Alfonso Picone Pastor.

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

X Family Life

B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:

Family is the base and future of the church. Parents are the first catechists of their children. They would benefit from evangelization, education and support from their parish so that they can share their relationship with Jesus and the Church with their children.

C. Statement of the First Goal to be achieved:

We call for the evangelization of all parents.

a. Action Step# 1 to achieve the Goal:

Currently, we are re-registering our children for CCD and informing parents that they must attend Mass with their children. We hope to introduce a Family Mass in our schedule of Masses thus encouraging participation from parents in family spiritual life as well as volunteerism and support of the parish.

Summary Information for Action Step #1:

* Timeline for completion: ongoing- within next 2yrs

* Responsible person/Task Force: Fran Bianco/Marie Loiseau

* Diocesan Office assisting (if any): materials for family life and support

* Projected Costs (if any):

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

b. Action Step #2 to achieve Goal:

Summary Information for Action Step #2:

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

c. Action Step #3 to achieve Goal:

Summary Information for Action Step #3:

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

(Please repeat the sections above if you propose additional action steps to complete First Goal)

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A. Pastoral Challenge to be addressed:

X Catechesis and Education
Evangelization
Family Life

Leadership
Liturgy and Worship

B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:

There is a need for teenagers and young adults for the future of the Catholic Church.

C. Statement of the Second Goal to be achieved:

We recognize the need for more effective faith formation for our teenagers and young adults.

a. Action Step #1 to achieve Second Goal:

Having some young people's Masses with a social in the lower church afterward and perhaps, inviting special/motivational speakers.
Organizing field trips/retreats for our teenagers and young adults

Summary Information for Action Step#1:

- * Timeline for completion: ongoing- within next 2yrs.
- * Responsible person/Task Force: Fran Bianco/Marie Loiseau
- * Diocesan Office assisting (if any): access to Youth Ministries information
- * Projected Costs (if any):

(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:

Summary Information for Action Step #2:

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

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):

(Please repeat the sections above if you propose additional action steps to complete Second Goal)

Temporalities and Administrative Challenge:
Worksheets for Parish Goals and Action Steps

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

A Temporalities and Administrative Challenge to be addressed:

X Buildings and Facilities

Finances

Community Life

A. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:

Our church was built in 1923 and can use some updating. Over the past two years, we have made improvements such as updating the vestibule of the church and adding a handicapped bathroom; updating the convent, rectory, computer, and phone systems. We have improved the appearance of the grounds. However, there is much more to do.

B. Statement of the Third Goal:

We are a growing parish welcoming more members and introducing more activities thus necessitating the need for more space to accommodate activities such as CCD and RCIA classes, socials, bible study and fundraisers. There is a necessity to install a partitioning wall in the lower church hall so that we may utilize our space efficiently.

Our parking lots require paving, marked parking spaces, fencing, proper gates, signs and lighting.

The interior of our church and sacristies are in need of painting. Sound system needs improvement.

The ceiling cross-beams and horizontal support beams in church need to be sanded and refinished.

Four stained glass windows need to be replaced.

The front steps and sidewalks at the side of the church are in need of repair.

In the lower church hall, the carpeting needs cleaning, the air ducts need to be encased and painted, church furnace needs to be replaced.

a. Action Step #1 to achieve Third Goal:

We can accomplish this by having fundraisers, seeking donations from

parishioners, having an appeal and by calling on parishioners to volunteer their talents and skills.

We must continue to encourage more parishioners to take part in our offertory collections and for others to increase their contributions so that we can achieve the following goal: **That the offertory collections should support 100% of our regular operating budget.**

The improvements that have been made up to now were accomplished without the benefit of any “special collections”, without assistance from the diocese, and without any borrowing. We remain **debt free**.

Summary Information for Action Step #1:

- * Timeline for completion: ongoing- within next 2yrs
- * Responsible person/Task Force: FINANCE BOARD
- * Diocesan Office assisting (if any): any financial assistance diocese can give
- * Projected Costs (if any): We have not received all the estimates for all that needs to be accomplished, but what we have so far is close to \$50,000.00

(Please repeat the sections above if you propose additional action steps to complete Third Goal)

b. Action Step #2 to achieve Third Goal:

Summary Information for Action Step #2:

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

c. Action Step #3 to achieve Third Goal:

Summary Information for Action Step #3:

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

*(Please repeat the sections above if you propose additional action steps to complete
Third Goal)*

Optional Question:

If you had the ability to respond to a third pastoral challenge, which would you choose and why?