

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

Part One: Introductory Information

Parish:

St. Margaret Shrine

Pastor:

Deacon Donald Foust

Date:

August 21, 2016

Parish Task Force Members:

Leadership Position:

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| 1) Carrano, Lorraine | Altar Guild Member, Feast Committee |
| 2) Carrano, Tom | Finance Committee, Feast Committee |
| 3) Carrasquillo, Miguel | Eucharistic Minister |
| 4) Carrasquillo, Millie | Lector |
| 5) Heinzelman, Fred | Leader of NeoCatechumenal, Eucharistic Minister |
| 6) Ramadonovic, Pia | President of Padre Pio Society |
| 7) Roberts, Cliff | Feast Member |
| 8) Smith, Chip | Finance Committee, Feast Committee |
| 9) Smith, Mickey | Altar Guild, Lector |
| 10) Teixiera, Nancy | President of Altar Guild, Feast Committee, Virtus Coordinator |
| 11) Trotman, Lonnie Dervil | Youth Choir Director |
| 12) Viselli, Adriana | Italian Choir, Padre Pio Society |
| 13) Wolgemuth, Dan | Leader of Music Ministry |

Add additional lines if there are more Task Force members

Signature of the Pastor: Deacon Donald Foust, Administrator

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:

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

B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:

Our existence as a Shrine, makes us believe we can be more effective with evangelization than your typical Parish.

C. Statement of the First Goal to be achieved:

Our uniqueness as a Shrine allows the opportunity to evangelize more so than an everyday Parish. The other aspect of our Shrine is that we are a home for the NeoCatechumens and are in the process of bringing in the Cursillo movement. Also, we have our Rector, Fr. Giandomenico Flora, who is the Spiritual Advisor for the NeoCatechumens and our Deacon Tom Masaryk, who is the Spiritual Advisor for the English speaking Cursillo movement. They continue to work at evangelization throughout the neighborhoods of our Shrine and Diocese. Our hope is to use the Shrine as a center for connecting the different language Cursillo's, i.e., the Spanish, Portuguese, English and Vietnamese.

a. Action Step# 1 to achieve the Goal:

To have individual activities that bring people to the Shrine. Our schedule of these events are as follows:

Blessing of the Animals	October 2016 & 2017
Children's Fall Event	October 2016 & 2017
Children's Easter Egg Hunt	April 2017 & 2018
Knights of Columbus - Stations of the Cross	April 2017 & 2018
Cursillo Day of Reflection	1st week of Advent 2016 & 2017
Cursillo Ultreyas	Monthly 2016 & 2017
Our Lady of Fatima Procession	May & October 2016 & 2017
Mass & Feast of Lady of LaVang	September 2016 & 2017
Mass & Feast of Lady of Cobra	September 2016 & 2017
Mass & Feast of Lady of Guadalupe	December 2016 & 2017
Mass & Feast of St. Padre Pio	September 2016 & 2017
NeoCatechumens	Weekly Meeting
St. Theresa School Teachers' Retreat	September 2016 & 2017
Sacred Heart Students action projects on grounds	September 2016 & 2017

Summary Information for Action Step #1:

- **Timeline for completion :** Based on the Holidays and scheduled events geared toward evangelization on the property and in the community
- **Responsible person/Task Force:** NeoCatechumenal Leadership
Fr. Giandomenico Flora
Deacon Tom Masaryk & Cursillo Secretariat
Our St. Theresa Guild
Music Leadership of our Shrine
Knights of Columbus
Leaders of our individual Shrines
Deacon Don Foust
- **Diocesan Office assisting (if any):** Continued support
- **Projected Costs (if any):** \$1,000

(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:

Form an Evangelization Group made up of members of the Shrine whose purpose is to make people aware of their gifts in order to use those gifts to reach out to those in need of the Lord.

The “72” (based on the Gospel of Jesus sending out the 72)

Launched – September 2016

Meets – 2 times per month

Open to the community and beyond

Deacon Tom Masaryk and Deacon Don Foust oversee the group but the goal is to empower the laity in our community to take charge and facilitate the group.

Our goal is to deepen the individual’s faith journey so they can be an active Catholic Christian who, after discovering their individual gifts through this group, can go out and share those gifts with others, building up the body of Christ.

Summary Information for Action Step #2:

- Timeline for completion : On-going
- Responsible person/Task Force: Deacon Tom Masaryk
Deacon Donald Foust
Fr. Giandomenico Flora
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): Continued support
- Projected Costs (if any): \$1,000

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)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Liturgy and Worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life | |

B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:

Since we are a Shrine, and not a Parish, we need to be able to attract a congregation that would interest those who either, might not have a Parish, are not happy at the Parish they are in, or looking to become a Catholic.

C. Statement of the Second Goal to be achieved:

To attract people to St. Margaret Shrine

a. Action Step# 1 to achieve Second Goal:

Advertise the existence of our Shrine.

Create a brochure talking about our Sacred Space and mail out to all 81 Parishes of the Diocese to visit and utilize our Shrine – September 2016

Advertise in Fairfield County Catholic – 8 times per year

Social Media –

Website – we are looking to design a new website - January 2017

Facebook - we are looking to post more frequently our activities and our Cultural and Spiritual events i.e., Guest Speakers, Days of Recollection & also increase our Facebook following

Summary Information for Action Step #1:

- Timeline for completion: Presently in progress, On-going
- Responsible person/Task Force: Rector
Deacons
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): We would like their presence at key events here
- Projected Costs (if any): \$5,000

(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:

Promoting the individual Shrines that are on the property to attract more people. Gear attention to specific ethnic groups that would be attracted to individual Shrines on the property, i.e., Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexican and Patroness of Cursillo (English, Spanish, Portuguese and Vietnamese); Our Lady of Fatima, Portuguese; etc.

Our goal is:

Bring in culturally diverse speakers throughout 2017

Celebrate all of the Feast days connected to the individual Shrines on the property to an individual country – throughout 2017

Talk on the connection of spirituality and art that would be open to the whole Diocese – advertised in Fairfield County Catholic - 2017

Summary Information for Action Step #2:

- Timeline for completion : Presently in progress, On-going
- Responsible person/Task Force: Rector
Deacons
Leaders of the individual Shrines
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): Their continual presence for major events at the Individual Shrines and at the activities we hold, i.e., Stations of the Cross, St. Anthony Feast, etc.
- Projected Costs (if any): \$1,000

c. Action Step #3 to achieve Second Goal:

Offering opportunities for all members and non-members to attend Retreats, Days of Recollection and special Religious activities here at the Shrine.

Lecture Series in Lent and Advent	March & December 2016 & 2017
Assumption Confirmation Students	
Retreat Day	May 2016 & 2017
Day of Recollection	2017 & 2018

Summary Information for Action Step #3:

- Timeline for completion : Presently in progress, On-going
- Responsible person/Task Force: Rector
Deacons
Committee
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): Their support. The Diocese holding meetings with Clergy, Retreats, etc. here at the Shrine
- Projected Costs (if any): \$2,000

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

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d. Action Step #4 to achieve Second Goal:

Our Chapel with its intimacy and uniqueness, naturally attracts people when they come to the Shrine. Once we attract individuals to the Shrine, the next step is to have a Liturgy coupled with an outstanding homily and with exceptional music to help those individuals that come, to return and stay.

We have 4 Clergy members with distinct talents that attract individuals, i.e., Italian Mass with Italian homilist, 3 Deacons with unique homily skills that continue to attract individuals. This is a major focus for us.

We work well together with the different gifts we have. Working together with our brother Priests and Deacons to better share our presentation of our homilies. The clergy here is connected to the challenges and struggles in the street and try to connect the gospel with people's lives, helping people discover how God is revealing himself in their stories.

Summary Information for Action Step #4:

- Timeline for completion : Presently in progress, On-going
- Responsible person/Task Force: Rector
Deacons
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): No
- Projected Costs (if any): None

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:

- Buildings and Facilities
- Finances
- Community Life

B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:

In order for us to be a viable Shrine, one that is attractive to the outside world, it is critical that our buildings, grounds and facilities should be in excellent Condition.

C. Statement of the Third Goal:

We must put a plan together to update our grounds, buildings and facilities.

a. Action Step# 1 to achieve Third Goal:

**Brought in an artist, Deacon Tom Masaryk,
who can oversee and revive the statues
& shrines on the property**

May 2016

**Evaluate & prioritize the needed
renovations at the Shrine**

September 2016

Create a long term plan & vision for the Shrine 2016 & 2017

Renovation of:

Statues & Grounds on Calvary Hill	Fall 2016
Stations of the Cross	Fall 2016
Christ the King	Fall 2016
Scourging of the Pillars	Fall 2016
Pieta	Fall 2016
Assumption	Fall 2016, Spring 2017
Main Fountain	Fall 2016
St. Francis Fountain	Fall 2016, Spring 2017
Entrance stonework cleaning	Fall 2016
Masonry pointing on Pieta & surrounding walls of property	Fall 2016 & Spring 2017
Masonry concerns	Fall 2016 & Spring 2017
Asphalt resurfacing	Spring/Summer 2017
New St. Francis statue & Shrine to be constructed	Summer 2017
Side entrance property cleaned, renovated, adding statues and lights	Summer 2017
Sandy Hook Shrine	December 2016
Considering First Responders Shrine	2017 or 2018
Fr. McGivney Shrine	2017 or 2018

Summary Information for Action Step #1:

- Timeline for completion: On-Going
- Responsible person/Task Force: Deacon Tom Masaryk
Deacon Don Foust
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): Support
- Projected Costs (if any): \$50,000

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

A. Action Step #2 to achieve Third Goal:

Form a committee to conceptualize new Shrines, the use and maintenance of the Shrine and to bring donors to help with expense of the property.

Meeting to decide who should be on committee	October 2016
Meet with individuals to ask their opinions & see if they would like to be on our committee	November 2016
Meeting of committee	January 2017
Put together a plan for the Shrine	February 2017
Mailing to possible donors	March 2017

Summary Information for Action Step #2:

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| • Timeline for completion: | On-going |
| • Responsible person/Task Force: | Deacon Tom Masaryk
Deacon Don Foust |
| • Diocesan Office assisting (if any): | Support |
| • Projected Costs (if any): | \$1,000 |

e. Action Step #3 to achieve Third Goal:

To encourage the leadership of individual Shrines that are on the property to work at revitalizing their individual Shrines via fundraisers, gather donors.

Meeting with leadership of Shrines	January 2017
Fundraising Strategy Meeting	February 2017
Mailing to possible donors	March 2017
Workday for groups of individuals to work at their Shrines	April 2017

Summary Information for Action Step #3:

- Timeline for completion: On-going
- Responsible person/Task Force: Shrine Leaders
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): Support
- Projected Costs (if any): \$1,000

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

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f. Action Step #4 to achieve Third Goal:

Upgrade electrical, plumbing and landscape of our grounds, our buildings and our rental properties

Telephone pole erected to redirect electrical lines off trees

Fall 2016

Upgrade electrical panel in rental properties

January 2017 to 2018

Upgrade plumbing in rental properties

2017 to 2018

Calvary landscaping

Fall 2016 & Spring 2017

Summary Information for Action Step #3:

- Timeline for completion: On-going
- Responsible person/Task Force: Deacon Don Foust
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): Support
- Projected Costs (if any): \$100,000

Optional Question:

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