

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

## Part One: Introductory Information

**Parish:**

Saint Peter, Danbury

**Pastor:**

Gregg D. Mecca

**Date:**

September 26, 2016

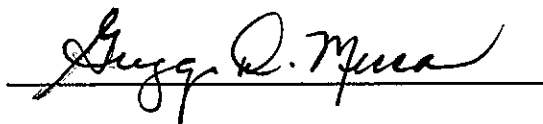
**Parish Task Force Members:**

**Leadership Position:**

- 1) Wayne Blackman
- 2) Brenda Farrah
- 3) Michael McLachlan
- 4) Christine Moore
- 5) Susan Moran
- 6) Robbin Preusse
- 7) Alvaro Tovar
- 8) Teresa Pepin
- 9) Anne Marie Vollhardt
- 10) Fr. Gregg Mecca
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Add additional lines if there are more Task Force members

**Signature of the Pastor:**



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
- Evangelization
- Family Life
- Leadership
- Liturgy and Worship

**B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:**

Catechesis is the basis and future of the Church

**C. Statement of the First Goal to be achieved:**

Form a Junior Youth Group

**a. Action Step# 1 to achieve the Goal:**

Engage Fr. Jeff Couture to organize and guide it with parish volunteers.

**Summary Information for Action Step #1:**

- Timeline for completion : January 31, 2017
- Responsible person/Task Force: Susan Moran, Robbin Preusse
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): Director of Youth Ministry
- 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:**

Formulate a communication plan and begin it with the intent to build anticipation and excitement among families and teens.

**Summary Information for Action Step #2:**

- Timeline for completion : October 31, 2016
- Responsible person/Task Force: Susan Moran, Robbin Preusse, Fr. Couture
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any): printing and perhaps mailing costs

**c. Action Step #3 to achieve Goal:**

Meet with the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry for ideas and advice.

**Summary Information for Action Step #3:**

- Timeline for completion: November 15, 2016
- Responsible person/Task Force: Susan Moran, Robbin Preusse
- 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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## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catechesis and Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelization                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy and Worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life                         |  |

### B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:

Through a personal encounter with Jesus in the Word and in the Eucharist, we become disciples. We enter into a more personal relationship with him.

### C. Statement of the Second Goal to be achieved:

To move those who identify as Catholic, practice the Catholic faith, or are growing as disciples into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

#### a. Action Step# 1 to achieve Second Goal:

Review and freshen the pre-Baptismal preparation in a way that it engages parents and gives them a better understanding and appreciation of their role as their children's spiritual mode.

#### Summary Information for Action Step #1:

- Timeline for completion: March 2017
- Responsible person/Task Force: Ann Marie Vollhardt, Fr. Mecca
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any): minimal

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**b. Action Step #2 to achieve Second Goal:**

Identify and approach active parishioners to form a hospitality/welcoming committee to greet worshipers, to contact new parishioners, follow up with parents of recently baptized children.

**Summary Information for Action Step #2:**

- Timeline for completion : Lent 2017
- Responsible person/Task Force: Susan Moran, Robbin Preusse
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any): postage

**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)***

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

**B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:**

Our buildings date to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and, although routine maintenance has been performed, it is a good time to conduct a structural assessment of them.

**C. Statement of the Third Goal:**

To evaluate/identify the structural integrity, safety, and accessibility of the buildings and develop a capital improvement plan.

**a. Action Step# 1 to achieve Third Goal:**

Contact Richard Rapice of the Diocesan Office of Real Estate and arrange a meeting to learn how he can help and guide us. Secure funds, if required, and bring in individuals to conduct an assessment.

**Summary Information for Action Step #1:**

- Timeline for completion: December 2016
- Responsible person/Task Force: Michael McLachlan
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any): Office of Real Estates, Richard Rapice, Director
- Projected Costs (if any):

*(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:**

Evaluate assessment, establish priorities, and develop a 10 year capital improvement plan.

**Summary Information for Action Step #2:**

- Timeline for completion: 60 days after receipt of the assessment
- Responsible person/Task Force: Michael McLachlan, Task Force, Parish Council President, Building and Grounds Chairman
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any):

**d. Action Step #3 to achieve Third Goal:**

Develop a fund raising plan

**Summary Information for Action Step #3:**

- Timeline for completion: 60 days after the development of an improvement plan.
- Responsible person/Task Force: Michael McLachlan, Task Force, Parish Council President, Parish Finance Council Chairman.
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any):

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

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**Optional Question:**

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