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Dear Father

As you know, one of the major Synod initiatives is the creation of a comprehensive pastoral planning process to engage every parish in developing a roadmap for its future. Much time, energy and prayer was invested in the Synod and the implementation will be no different. For this reason, our diocesan Office for Strategic and Pastoral Planning is providing the enclosed templates and manual to you, your staff and lay leaders as we embark on this next phase of the Synod journey.

At your earliest convenience, I invite you to meet with your newly created Planning Task Force to review the enclosed materials and to begin to discern your priorities for the coming months. I have asked Father Michael Dogali, Vicar for Strategic and Pastoral Planning to visit onsite at parishes with every pastor to review the templates with you and to learn about your parish's particular priorities during this time of pastoral renewal. Kindly contact him at frdogali@diobpt.org to schedule a meeting date and time after your Task Force has met. In addition, Patrick Turner, Director for Strategic and Pastoral Planning, will be available to meet with your appointed Task Force at your parish site to help facilitate their work. You may contact him at pturner@diobpt.org.

Pastors are not being asked to create a pastoral plan alone. The specific role of your Planning Task Force is to support you in this. During the spring, two in-services will be held for all Planning Task Force Members. We will soon announce sites, dates and times for these training sessions.

I personally thank you for your support and leadership with this important endeavor. Please know that you remain in my prayers.

Fraternaly yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport