

***ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK***



***New Energies Parish Transition Project  
Immediately Involved Parishes***

***RECOMMENDATIONS***

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Task Force on Parishes*

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## ***RECOMMENDATIONS***

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**Task Force Recommendations -- from: Task Force on Parishes Report – July 22, 2003:**

**Deanery 5**

It is recommended that the following parishes in Hackensack:

Immaculate Conception  
Saint Francis  
Saint Joseph's

begin a conversation that will lead to merging these three parishes. This process will be given an 18-month timeframe to come forward with specific recommendations.

**Deanery 8**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

Saint Anthony of Padua, Union City  
Saints Joseph and Michael, Union City

begin a conversation that will lead to linking or merging these two parishes. The process will be given a 12-month timeframe to come forward with specific recommendations.

**Deanery 8**

It is further recommended that the following parishes:

Saint Rocco's, Union City  
Saint Brigid's, North Bergen

begin a conversation that will merge Saint Brigid's into Saint Rocco's Parish. The timeframe for final recommendations will be one year. It is further recommended that a vehicle be purchased to provide transportation from the Saint Brigid's area to the top of the hill where Saint Rocco's is located.

**Deanery 8**

It is further recommended that the following parishes:

Sacred Heart, North Bergen  
Saint John the Baptist, Fairview

begin a conversation that will result in linked or merged parishes. The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 18 months.

**Deanery 8**

It is further recommended that the following parishes:

Saint John Nepomucene, Guttenberg  
Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen

begin a conversation that will result in linked or merged parishes. The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 18 months.

Parish Task Force – Recommendations (continued):

**Deanery 10**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

- Saint Ann’s, Jersey City
- Saint John the Baptist, Jersey City

begin a conversation, after the merger of Saint John’s and Mt. Carmel Schools is in place for a year. At that point, Saint Ann’s and Saint John’s will examine the merging of Saint Ann’s into Saint John’s. The timeframe for a final specific recommendation will be one year.

**Deanery 11**

It is recommended that Resurrection Parish be redefined. It is recommended that there be three worship sites:

- Saint Bridget’s, Jersey City
- Saint Mary’s, Jersey City - [Include Saint Boniface, Jersey City](#)
- Saint Michael’s, Jersey City - [Include Saint Anthony’s, Jersey City](#)  
and [Holy Rosary, Jersey City](#)

It is recommended that the properties not called upon for parish-wide use be liquidated. It is further recommended that the parish property of St. Peter’s, Jersey City, be sold to Saint Peter’s Prep School for the Prep School’s use. The timeframe for the conversation on this alignment is 18 months. Much of the configuration is in place. There are two new parishes recommended to be brought into the mix: Holy Rosary and Saint Anthony’s.

**Deanery 12**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

- Christ the King, Jersey City
- Our Lady of Sorrows, Jersey City
- Sacred Heart, Jersey City

begin a conversation that will result in clustered or merged parishes. The timeframe for final specific recommendations will be 18 months.

**Deanery 12**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

- Saint Patrick’s, Jersey City
- Assumption/All Saints, Jersey City

begin a conversation that will lead to merging these two parishes. At present the parishes are in the hands of one team of priests. In many ways the operation has one administration. It is recommended that the parishes become one with the possibility of a mission location for a Sunday Mass. The process will be given a 12-month timeframe to come forward with final specific recommendations.

Parish Task Force – Recommendations (continued):

**Deanery 17**

It is recommended that the present site of Saint Andrew Kim Parish be eventually sold. That the parish community of Saint Andrew Kim be relocated in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Orange) and that the relocated Saint Andrew Kim Parish provide at least one Mass a day in English for the present parish population of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The timeframe for the implementation of this structure will be one year with specific recommendations.

**Deanery 18**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maplewood  
Saint Paul the Apostle, Irvington

begin a conversation, that will lead to the merging of these two parishes. The timeframe for final specific recommendation is 18 months.

**Deanery 18**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

Sacred Heart, Irvington  
Saint Leo's, Irvington

begin a conversation, that will lead to either linked or merged parishes. The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 18 months.

**Deanery 19**

It is recommended that the Parish of Saint Augustine (Deanery 20) be merged with the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 6 months.

**Deanery 19**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

Immaculate Conception, Newark  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Newark

begin a conversation, that will lead to either a linked or merging of the two parishes. The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 18 months.

**Deanery 20**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, Newark  
Saint John's, Newark

begin a conversation, that will lead to a linkage of these two parishes. It is further recommended that the priests reside at Saint Patrick's while serving Saint John's and its business community and social; service outreach. The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 6 months.

Parish Task Force – Recommendations (continued):

**Deanery 20**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

- Sacred Heart (Vailsburg), Newark
- Saint Antoninus, Newark
- Saint Ann's, Newark
- Saint Joseph's, East Orange (Deanery 17)

begin a conversation, that will merge all four parishes into one site located at Sacred Heart (Vailsburg). The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 18 months.

**Deanery 20**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

- Queen of Angels, Newark
- Saint Rocco's, Newark

begin a conversation, that will result in Saint Rocco's being merged into Queen of Angels. The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 12 months.

**Deanery 20**

It is recommended that Saint Charles Borromeo property, which is part of Blessed Sacrament Parish (Newark), be liquidated and the profit realized be placed at the disposal of Blessed Sacrament/Saint Charles Borromeo parish for capital improvements/endowment of the parish.

It is further suggested that a new name be given to the parish, which reflects the population being served. The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 8 months.

**Deanery 24**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

- Saint Mary's, Rahway
- Saint Mark's, Rahway

Begin a conversation that will lead to a merger of the two parishes. The timeframe for specific recommendations is 12 months.

**Deanery 25**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

- Saint Patrick's/Immaculate Heart of Mary, Elizabeth (merged Summer 2003)
- Saints Peter and Paul, Elizabeth

Once Saint Patrick's/Immaculate Heart of Mary have had at least one year to work as a single parish, begin a conversation with Saints Peter and Paul that will result in either a linkage or merger with Saint Patrick's/Immaculate Heart of Mary. The timeframe, once Saint Patrick's/Immaculate Heart of Mary has completed a year of operation, would be 8 months to come forward with final specific recommendations.

Parish Task Force – Recommendations (continued):

**Deanery 25**

It is recommended that the following parishes:

Saint Hedwig's, Elizabeth

Saint Adalbert's, Elizabeth

begin a conversation, that will lead either to a linkage or merger of the two parishes. The timeframe for final specific recommendations is 18 months.

**Deanery 26**

It is recommended that the property of Saint Stanislaus (Plainfield) be sold. On paper, Saint Stanislaus has been merged with Saint Bernard's (Plainfield). With the sale of Saint Stanislaus property, whatever linguistic liturgy deemed necessary can be celebrated at Saint Bernard's.

Saint Mary's, Plainfield, has been declared a Historic Site. The parish has a strong neo-catechumenate presence and the Missionaries of Charity. From an ideal perspective, the City of Plainfield is really in need of only one parish; but, given the situation, it is recommended that there be two parishes in lieu of the original three. The timeframe for liquidating the property of Saint Stanislaus could be accomplished in one year.

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