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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON
NEW ENERGIES IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
(*New Energies Parish Transition Project*)

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Dear Pastor/Administrator and Cluster Implementation Team members,

Thank you for all the important work you do to make your parish a vibrant faith community. Our New Energies program was created to establish criteria to help you identify where the vitality of parish life can be found. Each "principle" challenges us to see what we can do to provide better parish services. As Archbishop Myers has stated, "A primary project goal is to strengthen the presence and ministry of the Church throughout the Archdiocese." What you do on a daily basis helps achieve this goal.

I am writing to introduce myself to you, as the new Chairperson of the New Energies Implementation Team; and to share with you distinct ways of support, whether you are working on your own or with a neighboring parish/es.

We have revised the original Annual Report Forms developed as one of the ways to support your work. This will help us, and you, to clarify what is happening and what is needed to continue building our local Church. Please use the **revised** form for your report. Call us if you are not sure which form to use.

Please complete and return the appropriate "Annual Report for Merged or Stand-Alone Parishes" or the "Annual Report for Linked or Partnership Clusters" to my office, as soon as possible, but, **no later than October 15, 2016**. These Forms are also found on the Archdiocesan website under New Energies Parish Transition Project at: <http://www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/new-energies-project>. Click on "Parishes/Clusters" and then click on the appropriate Annual Report.

Parish Consultants are available to help facilitate important meetings between your parishes. If you need assistance, please contact Mark Howard in the Office of Research and Planning at (973) 497-4024.

Members of the Archdiocesan Implementation Team and I are available to speak with you about any issues or concerns you may have as you move forward. Please feel free to call our office as needed.

Thank you for your service to the local Church of Newark.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Timothy G. Graff
Chair, New Energies Implementation Team
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