

Rev. Gregory M. Lorenz



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Since January of 2005, St. Peter has deployed Pastor Lorenz full-time to **LATINO** to serve as Executive Director in a team ministry with Deaconess Rodriguez, **LATINO's** Mission Director. The outreach ministry of **LATINO** continues to grow, bringing the message of eternal life to Hispanics in Michigan.

Pastor Lorenz married Stephanie of Vero Beach, Florida on June 2, 1984. Stephanie graduated from Concordia College, Ann Arbor with majors in Religious Studies and Music (organ). She has Parish Assistant certification through the Parish Assistant program at Concordia.

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