V Encuentro National Process and Hispanic Ministry Diocesan Plan
The process of Encuentro for Hispanic/Latino ministry has been deeply ecclesial. It is motivated by reading the signs of the times and convened by the bishops, who call the Hispanic/Latino community to raise their voices.

In the context of this dialogue among the bishops and the community, we live a spirit of pastoral ministry illuminated by an ecclesiological communion and missionary vocation that seeks to reach out to those who find themselves estranged from the life and vision of the Church.

The main objective of the process of the Encuentro is to discern the way in which Hispanics/Latinos respond as a Church.
The History of the Encuentros

1972- I Encuentro
The I Encuentro (1972) allowed us to come out of the shadows and to express our needs, aspirations, and contributions as baptized persons livening in the Church in the United States.

1977 – II Encuentro
In the II Encuentro (1977), we identified ourselves as a community of Hispanic Catholics that is diverse yet united in faith, history, culture, and language. We also discerned a way of being a Church based in the ecclesiology of communion and a preferential option for the estranged and those who live in poverty.
The History of the Encuentros

1985 – III Encuentro

The III Encuentro (1985) allowed us to raise our voice to articulate a clear direction of the Church’s response to the Hispanic presence and our response as Church. This vision was recorded in the Plan Pastoral Nacional del Ministerio Hispano (1987) and in a model of a Church that is evangelizing, communal, and missionary.
The History of the Encuentros

Encuentro 2000

The Encuentro 2000 allowed us to host and to share an experience of Encuentro with all of the cultures and races that make up the Church in the United States. The vision of a Church where all are welcome emerges from our most profound identity like a community of mestizos and mulattos that are pilgrims in this land and called to be wings of solidarity with the many faces in God’s house.
The History of the Encuentros

Primer Encuentro Nacional Hispano de Pastoral Juvenil

The Primer Encuentro Nacional Hispano de Pastoral Juvenil (2006) allowed us to listen to the voices of Hispanic/Latino youth and to discern the best ways to respond to their needs and aspirations, as well as to recognize their contributions as privileged protagonists of the present and future Church in the United States.
The History of the Encuentros

2018 – V Encuentro

A V National Encuentro of Hispanic Ministry will encourage us to continue our walk as God’s people, to raise our voice once more, and to discern our pastoral priorities and strategies that are most appropriate at the present time.
The Call To a V Encuentro

On June 9, 2013 in San Diego, CA, The USCCB’s Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs convened pastoral leaders of the Hispanic/Latino community to engage again in the process of Encuentro. The V Encuentro was convened in the context of the New Evangelization and emphasized the importance of involving young, second and third generation Hispanics/Latinos. Bishops Arturo Cepeda, Gerald Barnes, Nelson Pérez and Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller were elected by the Subcommittee to lead the Encuentro process.
Vision and theme of a V Encuentro

During the meeting in Baltimore, “missionary discipleship” emerged as a central theme of a V Encuentro. In addition, they defined the spirituality of Encuentro and accompaniment as an illustration of the Bible passage of The Road to Emmaus, which ends with the Disciples joyfully walking toward Jerusalem. Moreover, they emphasized the necessity for a continual pastoral conversation that allows the Church, consistent with its missionary nature, to respond with more fidelity and enthusiasm to the Hispanic/Latino presence in parishes and dioceses. The Church will empower the Hispanic/Latino people to live their vocation more fully as joyful missionaries to the whole Church.
V Encuentro

OBJECTIVES:

1. CALL ALL CATHOLICS in the UNITED STATES to BE TRUE and JOYFUL MISSIONARIES

2. PROVIDE A RENEWED ECCLESIAL VISION

3. INVITE ALL CATHOLIC LEADERS to FIND and ACCOMPANY HISPANIC CATHOLICS

4. IDENTIFY and PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES for HISPANIC CATHOLIC PASTORAL LEADERS

5. STIMULATE a NEW WAVE of FORMATION in FAITH and LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
2017-2018 Parish and Diocesan Encuentros

Spring of 2018 Diocesan V Encuentro (March 11th, 2018 at SMG)

Summer-Fall 2017 Preparation (Diocesan Core Team and Parish teams) for Parish Encuentros

June of 2018 Regional V Encuentro (June 8-10 in South Bend, IN) Region VII

September of 2018 National V Encuentro (Sept. 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas)

2019 Production and Distribution of V Encuentro Concluding Document

2020-2021 Implementation of Diocesan Strategies and Recommendations
TIMELINE

June of 2017 – meetings of V Encuentro started to develop a core team (16 members)

Summer-Fall of 2017 – Preparation (Diocesan Core Team and Parish teams) for Parish Encuentros
   - Weekly prep meetings with parish facilitators and leaders
   - Small Encuentro sessions with participants (5 weeks/sessions)

Fall of 2017 – Parish V Encuentros
   - 13 parishes/communities participated in the Diocese of Madison
     - With 446 total participants from the diocese,
       445 Hispanics; 1 Anglo in the process
     - 86 youth/young adults
   - 602 people in the periphery were visited/encountered as part of the missionary work (workplace, homes, social events, stores, church)
     - 400 adults
     - 116 youth/young adults
     - 86 families
TIMELINE

2018: Episcopal Regional Encuentros & V Encuentro National Event

- **Spring of 2018** – Diocesan V Encuentro (March 11th, 2018 at SMG)
  - 13 parishes/communities participated

- **June of 2018** – Regional V Encuentro (June 8-10 in South Bend, IN) Region VII
  - 10 delegates participated

- **September of 2018** – National V Encuentro (Sept. 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas)
  - 3 delegates from our diocesan core team

2019: Production and Distribution of V Encuentro Concluding Document titled *Memories and Conclusions*

2020-2021: Implementation of Diocesan Strategies and Recommendations

- **September of 2020**: Virtual Regional Gathering
- **October of 2020**: National Platform for Diocesan-Virtual In-Services
- **Spring of 2021**: Conclusion and Implementation Period
Prayer for the V Encuentro

God of infinite Mercy,
you sent your Son Jesus
to encounter the disciples on the way to Emmaus.
Grant us today a missionary spirit
and send us forth to encounter
our sisters and brothers:
to walk with them in friendship,
to listen to their hopes and dreams
with compassion,
and to proclaim your Word with courage,
so that they might come to know you once again
in the breaking of the Bread.

Make us all missionary disciples and stay with us always,
as we seek to share the joy of the Gospel
with people of all generations,
from every race, language, culture, and nation.

We ask you this with burning hearts,
filled with the Holy Spirit
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and through the loving intercession of
our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Star of the New Evangelization in the Americas.
Amen.

Oración del
V ENCUENTRO

Dios de infinita misericordia,
Tú que enviaste a tu Hijo resucitado
da el encuentro de los discípulos de Emmaús,
concédenos hoy un espíritu misionero
y envíanos a dar el encuentro
de nuestras hermanas y hermanos:

caminar junto a ellos en amistad,
a escuchar sus tristezas y alegrías
con empatía
y proclamar tu Palabra con valentía,
para que puedan reconocer de nuevo
en la Fracción del Pan.

Envíanos a todos como discípulos misioneros,
y quédate con nosotros siempre,
mientras nos dedicamos a compartir la alegría del Evangelio
con generaciones de toda raza, lengua, cultura y nación.

Te lo pedimos desde nuestros corazones ardientes
llenos del Espíritu Santo,
por nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo
y por la amable intercesión de nuestra Santa Madre,
María de Guadalupe,
Estrella de la Nueva Evangelización en las Américas.
Amen.
Bishop
Alberto Rojas
Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Chicago
V Encuentro Lead Bishop for Region VII
V Encuentro Diocesan Recommendations
Recommendations from the Hispanic Community to the Diocese of Madison

**Areas with Top Two Recommendations for Each**

1) **Church vocations**
   - More Hispanic priests in parishes
   - More Anglo priests learning Spanish

2) **Evangelization**
   - Bring evangelizing speakers
   - Make programs to evangelize Hispanics

3) **Adult and youth**
   - Retreats for youth and young adults in Spanish; spiritual material for children, youth, and adults
   - Have the diocese prepare diocesan events for Hispanics

4) **Faith Formation**
   - Sacramental preparation offered and bible studies for young people
   - Formation of new lay leaders
Recommendations from the Hispanic Community to the Diocese of Madison

**Areas with top two Recommendations:**

5) Administration

Open an Office of Hispanic Ministry
Need of a person in the diocese to help plan events and support Latinos in parishes

6) Worship

Hispanic seminarians and deacons who can help non-English speaking priests at the parish
More events with the bishop and Hispanic events

7) Marriage and Family

Classes for marriage preparation
Utilize the marriage Encounter program for Hispanic couples

8) Social Justice

If possible, provide/direct people in need to legal immigration services
Psychological therapy for families, youth, children, adults in need
What has happened in our diocese since then...

1) Seat of Wisdom “Trono de Sabiduría” classes have been offered in Spanish for the past 3 years with currently 5 Spanish speaking instructors

2) We added two engaged Hispanics to the Diocesan Pastoral Council

3) One Hispanic is currently in diaconate formation

4) Hispanics welcomed Bishop Hying to the Diocese of Madison
Hispanic Ministry Plan

We will make Evangelization our focus to serve the initiative of Go Make Disciples at a diocesan level

A fundamental part of the process is to open an Office of Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Madison and hire a person to lead it:

- 15 hours in the office; 2 days a week
- Fully Bilingual
- Approx. $20,000, plus travel and other expenses

Specific Goals for Year One: (July 2021 through June 2022)

- Offer an Advent or Lenten Mission in Spanish in 2021-22
- Lead a Pilgrimage in 2021-22
- Develop a Hispanic Advisory Council of 8-10 members from around the diocese representing the Hispanic community
- Add 2-3 Hispanics to the Diocesan Pastoral Council
- Visit parishes and priests with Hispanic communities for introductions and inventory
- Visit curial offices in the diocese to develop improved interaction with Hispanics
- Work on the Diocesan website and translate documents for the website while developing a Hispanic Ministry page with Spanish content
- Take lead of weekly “Moment with Bishop” in Spanish
- Communication through Flocknote to Hispanic leaders
- Work on providing an article on evangelization in Spanish in every issue of the Catholic Herald
QUESTIONS?