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Hispanic Ministry

Following the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the Office of Hispanic Ministry, serves the Hispanic/Latino Catholic community, as well as the priests and parishes who serve these communities.

We seek to fulfill the common mission of evangelization by offering Hispanics/Latinos opportunities for Faith formation in Spanish and by promoting full participation in the life of the Church. At the same time, a welcoming attitude that recognizes the gifts and rich contributions of all cultures among the People of God is constantly promoted, inviting all to become one Body in Christ.

Some concrete ways in which we accomplish this mission are:

Welcoming Attitude / National V Encuentro

Following Pope Francis Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Office of Hispanic Ministry promotes a culture of *Encuentro*, a welcoming attitude among all parish communities towards Hispanics/Latinos, particularly those whose primary/preferred language is Spanish as well as newly-arrived immigrants.

In keeping with the goals of the *V Encuentro*, we strive to promote active participation in parish life and ministries among Hispanics/Latinos, encouraging them to become an integral part of the community at large and to share their rich faith and gifts with others, for the mutual enrichment of the life of the Church.

Leadership Development

Offers a one-year formation program in Spanish: *Formación para el Liderazgo Pastoral Hispano* for active lay parish ministers who seek training in basic leadership skills for the pastoral life of the Church.

Spanish TV Mass Ministry

In collaboration with other offices, offers the weekly televised Sunday Spanish Language Mass, as a viable ministry to the homebound, incarcerated and other shut-in populations.

Liaison for Spanish Parish Ministries

Acts as liaison between the Archdiocese/Archbishop and Spanish Speaking Parish Ministries /individuals such as: *Movimiento Familiar Cristiano*, *Grupos de Oración*, *Enriquecimiento Matrimonial*, *Hombres de la Cruz*, *ACTS* in Spanish and others.

Marriage Prep and Help Program in Spanish

In collaboration with the Office of Family Life, the Office of Hispanic Ministry offers *Nos Vamos a Casar*, a weekend retreat for couples preparing for their sacramental marriage, as well as *Retrouvaille* (French for Rediscover), in Spanish, a program for hurting couples and couples that are on the verge of divorce.

Adult Faith Formation

Offers a two-year Adult Faith Formation program in Spanish: *Discípulos Misioneros* for Catholics who wish to know more about their faith and become more effective participants in the ministerial efforts of the Church.

Mi Casa es su Casa

Publishes the monthly Spanish language newsletter *Mi Casa es su Casa*, reaching more than 3,000 Catholic households. This publication invites participation in the many events and opportunities for faith enrichment offered throughout the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, particularly those of interest to the Hispanic/Latino community.

Advocacy on behalf of Immigrants

Works closely with other faith communities, government and community organizations, in favor of the Immigrant community, particularly in areas of Catholic Social Teaching.