



V ENCUENTRO

DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS: TESTIGOS DEL AMOR DE DIOS
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Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry

Upcoming Meeting: June 8, 2017

Encuentro (en-coo-en'-tro) is a Spanish verb meaning to knock; encounter; the act of going to meet anyone. The V Encuentro is a major initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which calls on Catholics to "listen with profound attention to the needs, challenges and aspirations that the growing Hispanic/Latino population faces in daily life". Its main goal is to identify ways in which the Church can better respond to the needs of Hispanics/Latinos. It all begins with grass roots initiatives at the local Catholic community level to reach out to Hispanics/Latinos within our communities in order to develop resources and initiatives to support/serve our brothers and sisters. Archbishop Wester has voiced his strong support for the Encuentro and Fr. Ark has called on us to form a core group to plan a process for engagement at St. John XXIII. A planning meeting has been set for June 8 at 6:30pm. Please join in the formation of this important initiative. Further information will be forthcoming before this meeting. If you have any questions, call Gene Ayala, 417-3990 or Gene_Ayala@icloud.com

Parish Encuentro Planning Guide

What is the Parish Encuentro?

The Parish Encuentro is an opportunity to:

- **Gather** members of the distinct parish groups who participated in the five sessions and missionary activities to share what they experienced during the five weeks of reflection, discernment, consultation, and evangelization.
- **Reflect** together on the various social, cultural and pastoral realities experienced by Hispanics/Latinos in their parish and in the United States.
- **Propose** practical responses to specific needs and aspirations in a process of reflection and discernment.
- **Make** concrete commitments to advance the New Evangelization as a parish, small communities, lay ecclesial movements, and other groups.
- **Celebrate** through our sharing, prayer, and in the Eucharist.

Who Is Invited to the Parish Encuentro?

The Parish Encuentro is a unique opportunity to express the beauty of being a community of faith. The gathering is open to all parishioners who are interested in witnessing the V Encuentro process. However, the main participants in the Parish Encuentro are those who participated in the V Encuentro five sessions and those who engaged in missionary activities.

Parishes are strongly encouraged to reach out and invite Hispanic/Latino youth and young adults. Encuentro Parish Teams are to make the best effort to create an environment in which young Hispanics/Latinos are welcomed and engaged as active participants during the Parish Encuentro.