

Goal:

The main goal of the V Encuentro is to discern ways in which the Church in the United States can better respond to the Hispanic/Latino presence, and to strengthen the ways in which Hispanics/Latinos respond to the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church.



To participate:

Communicate with the person assigned by the Bishop to coordinate the V Encuentro in your diocese.

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V National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry



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What is the V Encuentro?

A process of evangelization, communion, and consultation that:

- Generates information for pastoral planning that responds more creatively to the Hispanic presence in the Church and promotes the ecclesial integration of all communities
- Connects the local Hispanic community with a national initiative
- Generates and forms new pastoral leaders as missionary disciples
- Revitalizes the faith of parishioners and invites them to missionary activity
- Fosters the participation in liturgical and ministerial life
- Increases stewardship.

Process

- A five-session process of reflection and missionary action that culminates in a parish Encuentro
- Each parish, community, or group chooses the best time to implement the process between January 1st and July 30th of 2017
- Each parish that implements the process will participate in the one-day Diocesan Encuentro, to be celebrated between Aug. 1st and Nov. 30th
- Is coordinated by a parish team assigned by the Pastor, and is supported by the V Encuentro Diocesan team
- Involves small groups of 7 to 12 people. They meet in parish facilities or at homes and communities decided whether larger groups are needed.

Materials

All materials are bilingual, produced by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the V Encuentro National Team of Accompaniment (ENAVE), and distributed to the dioceses without any cost to the parishes or groups.

Themes of the five sessions

The themes of the sessions are inspired by Pope Francis in *The Joy of the Gospel n. 24*.

- *Called to a loving encounter with Jesus*
- *With words and actions: Do it!*
- *Walking together with Jesus*
- *Bearing fruits of new life*
- *Celebrating the joy of being missionary disciples*

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MORE THAN 5,000 PARISHES WILL PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE PROCESS

WILL INVOLVE MORE THAN 7 MILLION CATHOLICS

