



Equipo Diocesano- Diocesan Advisory Board on Hispanic Ministry
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Office of Hispanic Ministry

Discerning Priorities for Diocesan Hispanic Ministry

In Brief: Beginning our reflection on the responses of pastoral leaders in Hispanic Ministry in terms of weaknesses, strengths, and goals, leaders throughout the Diocese identified our top three priorities in each of the four dimensions of Hispanic Ministry, to address together on the Diocesan level.

New Evangelization and Formation:

1. Develop a diocesan program in Spanish of Pastoral Formation Process for laity, including leadership, discipleship, and biblical foundations.
2. Provide access to Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers (BICM) Training for schools, parishes, organizations, apostolates, movements, and all other ministries of the church in Spanish and English.
3. Strengthen all vocations among Latinos, including Diaconate, priesthood, religious life, and marriage.

New Evangelization and Missionary Option:

1. Develop Spanish-language services in Catholic Charities
2. Develop Immigration ministry on diocesan and parish levels, including network, communications, training, and resources.
3. (left blank at the meeting) Develop Migrant Farmworkers ministry in Lafayette County, which needs permanent ministerial presence.

New Evangelization and *Pastoral de Conjunto*:

1. Strengthen network of leaders in Hispanic Ministry throughout the Diocese.
2. Strengthen collaboration and communication with all other ministries, parishes, and pastoral agents of the Diocese. "Hispanic Ministry is everyone's responsibility"
3. Strengthen education on "*Pastoral de Conjunto*".

New Evangelization and Liturgy & Prayer:

1. Develop approved list of Spanish-language materials for sacramental preparation.
2. Include bilingual (Spanish and English) dimension to all diocesan liturgies and prayer.
3. Develop unified guidelines for sacramental preparation.

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