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My dear Sisters and Brothers in Hispanic Ministry,

During this Lenten season we reflect in the time when Christ walked with his disciples, lived with them, ate with them, attended social events and gatherings, all of this as part of the relevant teaching Christ was imparting to his followers, knowing that the time to leave them was approaching and that they were going to need each other to continue the mission. Today, we utilize the scripture to tell us the basics of our ministry, to love one another, to walk together, to support and tolerate each other, to console the widow, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, to protect the children. We all know this very well, but how well do we practice it? In these times of so much social disarray and intolerance, how are we being proactive in the walking together, supporting and learning to be one, as the body of Christ should be? How are we promoting cultural diversity among Hispanics and at the same time actively working for social justice and moral integrity?

Pastoral Accompaniment, is a pastoral which seeks to find a holistic approach to the needs of those who suffer, (the poor, the hungry, the uninsurable, the undocumented, the homeless, etc). Not only do we need to care, in a responsible social way, for those who suffer, but we are also called to do the necessary duties of pastoral care. These were the same duties acknowledged and practiced by the first Christian communities. Pastoral Accompaniment has to do with, **Kerigma**, to proclaim the Good News and the mercy of God; **Didache**, teaching, focused on the works of mercy, justice, Christian leadership and faith; **Koinonía**, fomenting the formation of fraternal communities, where God is the center, and the solidarity to those who suffer, becomes the heart of our actions; and **Diaconia**, service driven by love, to our brothers and sisters in need, with the unconditional support of their faith community.

Let us meet then in Minnesota to take a look at the principles of our ministries, and to make a conscientious effort to stir the goals of our ministry in the right direction. I believe that the better we understand the "**Pastoral de Acompañamiento**" the better we will serve the Hispanic Catholics in our own dioceses.

I am looking forward to see all of you at our conference June 26-29, 2007 to learn and to journey together as one body, with joy and hope, the way God always intended.

Hoping we all resurrect with Christ this coming Easter season, your sister in Christ,

Enid Román De Jesús
President

REGION I

- The Archdiocese of Boston MA. hired Fr. Alonzo Maxias as the new Director for Hispanic Ministry.
- Region I had their Lent Retreat on March 6, at Saint Anne Shrine in Fiskdale, MA. The retreat was facilitated by Fr. Luigi Zanotto.
- Rudy Vargas, Executive Director of the Northeast will offer again, during this summer, opportunities of formation for this Region I. It will be through the Northeast Pastoral Institute. These courses will take place at Holy Apostles in Crowell, CT.
- The Diocese of Providence named the first Hispanic priest as Pastor of a parish (Assumption Parish-Providence). Fr. Gildardo Suarez came from the Diocese of Sonson Rionegro Medellin, Colombia to the US five years ago to serve in this diocese. Congratulations Fr. Gildardo!

REGION II

- The Conference for Diocesan Directors for Hispanic Ministry of Region II, decided at their last meeting, held November 7-9 of 2006, at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, Marriotsville, MD, not to conduct a meeting in the Fall, in order to facilitate the assistance of its members at the 7th Biannual Conference of NCADDHM which will take place in Minneapolis from the 26-29 of June 2007.
- The Northeast Hispanic Catholic Center announced that it will continue to serve the dioceses of the region through its Mobile Institutes which currently take place in various dioceses. Moreover, the School for Leadership which has been running for the past couple of months in the Archdiocese of New York, continues to develop, elevating enthusiasm and participation from students at a parish level as well as archdiocesan level.
- We received some last minute news that the Diocese of Rockville Center has elected Deacon Francisco Cales as the Coordinator for Hispanic Pastoral, substituting Deacon Manuel Ramos, who has retired. Further information will be provided during the next edition of the Newsletter.
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens, Nicholas DiMarzio, decided to close the Office of Hispanic Ministry in the diocese. In a document published in January 2007, Bishop DiMarzio handed over the care of the Hispanic faithful to the recent ordained Bishop, Octavio Cisneros, who will execute the function of

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Vicar for Hispanic Affairs. On the other hand, Bishop DiMarzio designated Father Fulgencio Gutierrez to work from the Office of Migration and Ethnic Apostolate with pastoral services on behalf of the Hispanic community.

Sonia Casanova, after many years servicing the Hispanic community, with ample participation in the regional and national organisms of Hispanic ministry, including NCADDHM, was discharged. We pray that her talents and experience would be put to good use soon in the service of our beloved Spanish speaking community.

REGION III

- Camden diocese is holding a workshop of formation for all clergy and pastoral ministers to promote the needs of the Hispanic apostolate on March 20. The day will be attended by surrounding dioceses, as well.
- The region is preparing to have representation attending the upcoming "National Joint Convocation on Small Christian Communities" that is sponsored by the USCCB Secretariat and affiliated groups at St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, in August .

TORCH OF HOPE— *February 14, 2007*

By Msgr. Hugh Shields.

The snow, ice freezing cold, blowing wind accompanied by pellets of frozen rain seemed to be conspiring to cancel the first anniversary celebration of a movement—begun here in Philadelphia! —on behalf of “Immigration Law Reform.” But they didn’t succeed!

“Guesstimates” of between 250-300 people gathered at 5th & Market Streets (Philadelphia) in the quietly powerful shadows cast by our “Independence Hall” and “Liberty Bell.” Their purpose—in the freezing weather which closed schools and businesses that day! —was to prayerfully and respectfully ask our legislators to address the accelerating need for more just and comprehensive reform of our immigration laws. The “numbers” attending might be dismissed as small and insignificant until we recall that each person present represented the millions of others asking our blessed country for the right to work toward citizenship while contributing to the richness of the U.S.A. at the same time. Our Catholic Bishops continue to ask us to “put a face” on the immigration issues that confront our country through their Justice for Immigrants Campaign. On February 14, 2007 many did just that —“put a face” on the issue”—in the freezing weather. For many of us, we should be able to see the face of Christ and the faces of our parents, grandparents, relatives in these dedicated individuals—not the faces of terrorists, drug-dealers or those who come to undermine the values of this country.

REGION IV

- **Oblate School of Theology continues its program for the Doctorate in Ministry with concentration on Hispanic Ministry.** Since the last time I wrote in this newsletter about my experience in the Doctorate program, two years ago, I have finished the classes and I am waiting for the approval of my proposal for the pastoral project that we need to accomplish before writing the thesis.
- One good fruit of the article was the enrollment of Fanny Tabares, Director of Hispanic Ministry in Kalamazoo, MI, and she is already half way through the program. I would like to invite you to check the School's website www.ost.edu and visit their information table at the Conference in Minneapolis this June.
- The NCADDHM Board meeting took place on February 12 – 15, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia. It was the first meeting as president for Ms. Enid Roman de Jesus from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN. She guided the three-day-meeting with great leadership skills, which was much appreciated by all the members. There were also three new members on the Board: Ms. Fanny Tabares, from the Diocese of Kalamazoo, MI, Mr. Juan Lulio Blanchard, from the Archdiocese of New York, and myself Mrs. Maria Johnson from the Archdiocese of Baltimore. It was a pleasure to find out that from the eleven members present; there were nine different countries represented: Guatemala, USA, Puerto Rico, Spain, Peru, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Nicaragua. It truly represents the diversity of our community, but most importantly, it means that our leadership is inclusive of the different nationalities gather that are represented under the term Hispanic or Latino. When a group of peers meet to work, discern, and pray together, there is always a sense of renewal and refreshment. I appreciated the personal sharing, though brief.



Pictures from the NCADDHM Board meeting in Atlanta, Georgia .



REGION VI

On December 12, 2006 the **Most Reverend James A. Murray** promulgated the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry for the Diocese of Kalamazoo. This is the result of a year long process. We express our sincere gratitude to all who collaborated in the articulation of this plan and especially for his guidance and support to Mr. Alejandro Aguilera-Titus, Associate Director of the Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

First Hispanic/Latino Bishop in Michigan. Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit:

A cordial welcome, to Episcopal Region VI, to the Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores who was ordained a bishop on November 29th at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit and named Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit by Pope Benedict XVI.

REGION VII

The Midwest Catholic Association for Hispanic Ministry Board of Directors met on March 15, 2007 to plan our Annual Conference that will take place in South Bend, IN on October 23-25, 2007.

Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, Gustavo Garcia Siller has accepted to be the MWCAHM Episcopal Advisor. Thank you Bishop!

The Diocese of Ft Wayne-South Bend is celebrating its 150th anniversary with activities throughout the year, and a grand convocation on August 18, 2007 at the Notre Dame University Campus for a Diocesan wide Jubilee Celebration. During this day we will be also celebrating Bishop John M. D'Arcy's 75th birthday. Bishop D'Arcy has been an incredible supporter of our ministry throughout the years! Congratulations Bishop!

REGION VIII

- On January 18 – 19, “Together on a Journey: Building Bridges”, the first Bi-National Conference on Immigration to be held in the Midwest took place at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. Cardinal Roger Mahony from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Bishop Raul Vera from the Diocese of Saltillo, Mexico, spoke about immigration in the context of the Catholic Social Tradition, as well as from the specific context of their dioceses. Workshops provided opportunities for people of faith to become more informed about immigration and migration and about how parishes can respond. Several of the Diocesan Directors from the Region were present. Before the conference started, the Directors had their Regional meeting. One item on their agenda was the need for the Church to prepare for the possibility of our nation’s next legalization program. In collaboration with CLINIC, Diocesan Legalization Coordinators are being prepared and plans are being made. The group continued planning for their Annual Regional Encuentro for Hispanic Adults to be held this spring. Members were encouraged to attend the NCADDHM conference which will be held in our Region in June.

REGION X

A Job Well Done!

With grateful hearts, the Diocesan Directors of Hispanic Ministry for Region X affirm the election of Fr. Hector Madrigal from the Diocese of Amarillo. Father will assume the duties of the Region X representative to NCADDHM. Congratulations!

Mr. Jorge Delgado, who has been the representative for 2 years, opened the dialogue with all members present regarding the advantages of others having the opportunity to attend the NCADDHM board meetings. Though the past two years have been a positive opportunity, Jorge’s feels God’s call to give more of his presence to his family at this time. Thanks, Jorge, for a job well done. Region X is blessed to have you ministering with us. Congratulations!

By: Sr. Therese San Miguel



Fr. Héctor Madrigal receives a binder from Mr. Jorge Delgado as a symbol of his new appointment as representative of Region X before NCADDHM.

REGION XIII

Region XIII, encompasses 10 dioceses from 5 states: Cheyenne, WI; Salt Lake City, UT, Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, CO; Phoenix Tucson AZ; Santa Fe, Gallup and Las Cruces, NM. Last meeting-October 25-30, in Tucson, AZ.

Because of the large distance between our dioceses, it is not always possible to get together as much as we would like. Next meeting will be at the NCADDHM Conference in Minneapolis.

At this last meeting, Bishop Kikanas, from Tucson, joined us as well as Ron Cruz. Also Sister Maria Celia Molina, from the Instituto Kino joined us. It is always so wonderful to get together and share our thoughts, concerns, accomplishments, desires, etc.

Utah have a new bishop! He is the auxiliary bishop from San Francisco, a California native, **Bishop John Charles Wester**, 56. He will be installed in Salt Lake City March 14, in the Cathedral of the Madeleine.

By: Maria-Cruz F. Gray

Pastoral Accompaniment:
“Haciendo Camino al Andar”
NCADDHM CONFERENCE 2007
 Minneapolis, MN
 Tuesday, June 26th at 7 p.m.
 (with orientation for new directors at 4 p.m.)
 to Friday, June 29th, 2007 at noon

Registration Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE:

(Includes continental breakfast & lunch on Wednesday, continental breakfast,
 lunch & dinner on Thursday, and continental breakfast on Friday)

NCADDHM Member - \$275 per person— NCADDHM Non-Member - \$325 per person

It will cost an additional \$50 per person if postmarked after May 31st, 2007

Please make your own hotel reservations by May 31st, 2007 at:

Holiday Inn Select, Minneapolis International Airport - (952)854-9000

Ask for NCADDHM's rate of \$99 per night, single or double occupancy

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Conference Schedule / Horario de la Conferencia

June 26-29, 2007

Martes/Tuesday, June 26

2:00 Registration
 4:00 Orientation for New Directors
 5:00 Dinner on your own
 7:00 Welcome: MC's: Mr. Luis Soto & Sr. Aida Sansor
 Opening Prayer Service
 Keynote – Jorge Presmanes
 9:00 Reception

Wednesday, June 27

8:00 Continental Breakfast
 9:00 Opening Prayer
 9:30 General Session 1– J. Presmanes
 10:30 Break
 11:00 Small groups
 11:45 Questions & Answers
 12:30 Lunch
 2:00 Four Pillars – Alejandro Aguilera
 3:15 Small groups
 4:00 Questions & Answers
 5:00 Free Night In Minneapolis

Thursday, June 28

8:00 Continental Breakfast
 9:00 Prayer

9:45 Pastoral Juvenil – Nellie Lorenzo
 10:45 Best practices – Pastoral Juvenil
 11:30 Small groups
 12:15 Questions and answers
 1:00 Lunch
 2:45 USCCB Restructuring – Ron Cruz
 3:45 Q & A
 4:30 Break
 5:30 Mass – Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Presider
 7:00 Cash Bar
 7:30 Dinner & Fiesta

Friday, June 29

8:00 Continental Breakfast
 9:00 Morning Prayer
 9:30 Business Meeting
 a. Treasurer's Report b. Membership
 c. Organization Report
 • Executive Director
 • Consultant
 • New Vision & Mission Statement
 • Administrative Assistant
 • Job Description
 d. Future or next steps e. Evaluation
 11:00 Closing Prayer Service

JOB OPENING

Diocesan Director for the Hispanic Apostolate

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond in Virginia is seeking a full-time Director for the Hispanic Apostolate. The selected individual will collaborate with the parishes and other diocesan offices in the evangelization, formation and training of Hispanics, calling them forth to service and leadership at all levels of the Church and community; promoting the recognition of Hispanic Catholics as integral to the full life of the Church; sustaining, celebrating and sharing the culture, values, language and spirituality of Hispanics with the Church and wider community. The candidate must be an active practicing Catholic, who has a commitment to the advancement of the Hispanic community; master's degree in a related field preferred; must be proficient in Spanish and English, written and spoken, and computer literate; leadership and organizational skills required, as well as administrative and pastoral experience working with Hispanics; and the ability to work with diverse groups of people.

The position is available on July 1, 2007. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and diocesan application to dmahanes@richmonddiocese.org, or mail to D.G. Mahanes, Director of Human Resources, Catholic Diocese of Richmond, 811 Cathedral Place, Richmond, VA 23220.

Encuentro Partners' Meeting

A group of bishops and church leaders met on February, 2007 at MACC in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting was led by Bishop Jaime Soto of Orange County, CA and Bishop Placido Rodríguez of Lubbock, TX. Information Items included the restructuring of USCCB. Hispanics Affairs now became part of a cluster of multicultural ministry which is now called Cultural Diversity of the Church.

The First National Encuentro for Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry analyzed and participants agreed with Fr. Virgilio Elizondo that leadership in organizations need to be faithful to the findings of Encuentro Process and allow for the Hispanic youth and young adults to have a continual voice. Rudy Vargas IV suggested to not loose sight of what the young people have said. "It is documented and this needs to guide us in what's the best way for us to respond". Some suggestions included:

- 1) Allow youth to have a voice in all levels of leadership,
- 2) Development of Leadership in Pastoral Youth/Young Adults,
- 3) Higher education attainment,
- 4) Immigration reform, and
- 5) dialogue between the youth and bishops.

Another issue that was discussed was Immigration. Prioritization of next steps were to: Formalize a National Partner's Group, create a 5 year strategic plan, hire a full-time person at national level to implement Encuentro, do a training model, and create deadlines.

*Jorge A. Delgado
Delegate from NCADDHM*

INSTITUTO NACIONAL HISPANO DE LITURGIA AND THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA. SUMMER PROGRAM 2007

“HISPANIC LITURGY AND SPIRITUALITY”

INHL AND CUA will offer an intensive formation pilot program for Hispanics and non-Hispanics clergy or lay actively engaged in Hispanic Ministry throughout the nation.

The program will have duration of one week and will consist of daily classes beginning June 25th, 2006 till June 29th, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. till 5:15 p.m. with its customary lunch and recesses. In the evening Conferences will be offered to the registrants from Monday to Thursday of the same week, but it will also be open to the public. They will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will terminate at 9 p.m. This program will have a limited attendance.

The main goal of the program will be to facilitate the participant to achieve a greater understanding of the Liturgy, Scripture and Pastoral Music.

COURSES AND FACULTY:

- Liturgical Theology and Spirituality by Rev. Heliodoro Lucatero
- Liturgical Music, Art and Environment by Silvio Cuéllar
- Scripture and Liturgical Catechesis by Rev. Arturo Pérez
- Liturgy and Popular Devotions by Dr. Peter Casarella
- Choirs, Cantors and Composers by Rev. Juan Sosa
- Lectors and the Proclamation of The Word by Rogelio Zelada

CONFERENCES:

- Liturgical Spirituality by Rev. Arturo Pérez
- Liturgy and Popular Devotions by Dr. Peter Casarella
- Christian Prayer and Liturgical Prayer by Rev. Heliodoro Lucatero
- Celebrating the Liturgy in a Multicultural Church by Rev. Juan Sosa.

NOTE: All Courses and Conferences will be offered in Spanish language.

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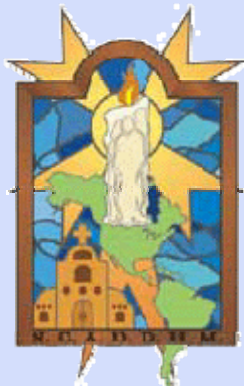
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Narrative of the NCADDHM Logo

The candle is the primary focus; it represents Jesus the "light of the world" as the center of our faith. The lit candle also represents the Hispanic community and a new vision of Church that has emerged through the National Encuentros. It is a vision rooted in both our histories and our faith journeys in the Americas. The light radiates throughout the Americas, for it is our hope and our challenge to see us as One Church, One Faith, the One Body of Christ. The blue stained glass sky images the diversity and unity. The "templo" reminds us of the faith passed on by the "abuelitos y abuelitas." This logo was designed by Lionel T. Díaz.

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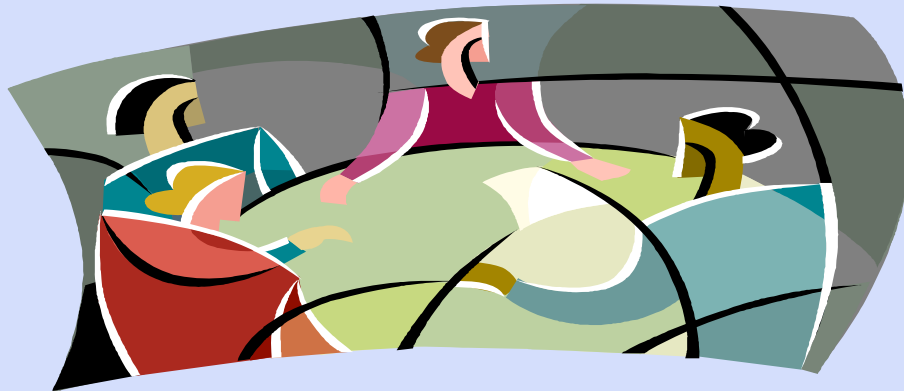
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