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The NCADDHM Newsletter

National Catholic Association of Diocesan Directors for Hispanic Ministry

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Hispanic Ministry,

Spring, 2008

Happy Easter! ¡Feliz Pascua de Resurrección!

The Lenten season has given us the opportunity to come together with Christ in His suffering and the suffering of His people, because only when we walk through the valley of death we can really appreciate life at its fullest. And here it is... with our Resurrected Lord, I hope we may also rise with a full heart to reach out to others with the same love and commitment he has shown us. Spring is in the air, new growth, crisp air, warm sun, new life... and like so, our ministry continues.

Many things to share with you but not much space to do so! I will start by letting you know that our next conference will be a back to back conference at the University of Notre Dame, in northern Indiana. Our conference title will be “Al Partir el Pan: Hacia una Espiritualidad Mestiza Cristiana de Comunión” (In the Breaking of the Bread: Towards a Meztizo-Christian Spirituality of Communion). This conference will be responding to what many of you suggested at the last conference through your evaluations to have more time to share with the other Diocesan Directors. It would be a good spiritual renewal, giving us the opportunity to process the information from the previous days with are entitled “Camino a Emaús: The Word of God and Latino Catholics”. The Board meeting was so sincere and involved that I do not believe that any of the board members could have left without feeling that we were bringing forth a life changing event in terms of the organization and its membership. So save the dates: July 30-Aug 1st, 2009 Camino A Emaús Conference, and Aug 1st to August 4th: “Al Partir el Pan: Hacia una Espiritualidad Mestiza Cristiana de Comunión” Conference. You will not be disappointed.

Also, we are revamping our Website. We will continue to update and upgrade to create a site that can connect you, not only with us, the Board of Directors, but also with each other. Come and visit us at www.ncaddhm.org.

Also, during our last board meeting we have decided to change the membership registration and fees. Starting July 1st, 2008 our membership dues will be \$200.00 and we will register one person per diocese. Many dioceses will register their directors but others are free to register the person responsible to their Bishop in matters of Hispanic Ministry. The increase in membership dues is necessary to keep with the increased cost of paper, postage, web maintenance, etc.

There is much more I would like to share, but that will have to wait. May our Risen Lord Jesus Christ fill our hearts with hope and joy so we can in return overspill our ministries with His love, compassion and sincere devotion to the duties he has entrusted to us.

Con cariño, in Christ and Mother Mary,

Enid Román-De Jesús
President

Region I

The Region I had the annual spiritual Retreat for Lent under the title: Living the Spirituality of the Triduo Pascual at Saint Ann Shrine Fiskdale, MA. on February 26, 2008, facilitated by Fr. Jack Fagan, S.J. From The Altagracia's Center in New York.

The Diocese of Worcester hired a new Diocesan Director for Hispanic Ministry, Father Angel Matos.

The Diocese of Springfield MA. will have their Annual Diocesan Mission on April 20-24. which will be facilitated by a team of priests from the Redentorist priests from New York.

Diocese of Providence. Started the first group of girls specifically to pray for Pro-Life ministry. They started in one parish, but it is extending to other parishes. They are promoting the chastity and prayer for respect of life.

On June 20 - 22- 08, we are going to have the First Charismatic Congress with the participation of Fr. John Mario who comes directly from Colombia.

Region III

The **New Jersey-Pennsylvania** region is networking for our outreach to youth. Many thanks to the Diocese of Trenton for their welcome and hosting of a special spring regional concert in April.

Harrisburg diocese recently completed a comprehensive pastoral plan for its growing Hispanic community using the themes of "Encuentro and Mission" document.

Philadelphia Archdiocese, is celebrating its bi-centennial anniversary. They are involving and inviting much visibility for the Hispanic community.

New Jersey dioceses are involved with approaching the Papal visit in April and promoting our Hispanic representation at the different celebrations.

A very good sharing was present among our members at the most recent retreat conference for Regional Diocesan Directors for Hispanic Ministry. Held in early November at St Joseph Retreat Center, Malvern, PA., our discussion led to a proposal to begin a regional newsletter for our people, which would include worthwhile updates on immigration reform, the impact of restructuring within our apostolate, and formation opportunities for our pastoral agents.

Region II

Diocese of Brooklyn: In collaboration with the Northeast Hispanic Catholic Center Brooklyn, is working on courses for Pastoral Skills.

Report from Deacon Ramon Lima, Assistant to Bishop Cisneros, of Brooklyn.

- Coming activity for the youth in coordination with the Faith Formation Office will be offered, in the form of catechesis to instruct the young people on how to continue being Catholic. They will be formed so that they can bring other young people to the Church. This activity will include adults and people of other cultures and languages.

- Lent retreats to Lay Ministers take place not only in their diocese but others as well. Fliers and phone calls are the sources to make known their activities to other dioceses, if they would like to participate.

- They are planning to offer a Leadership Course, in September. The Course will be offered to adults and to the youth.

Rockville Centre: The Pastoral Institute of that Diocese, in collaboration with the Northeast Hispanic Catholic Center is offering courses, workshops and retreats on Self Esteem, Sacred Scriptures, Spirituality and Family Development.

Dioceses of Buffalo: At this Diocese, the number 1 module of the Mobile Institute of the Northeast Hispanic Catholic Center is being implemented.

Diocese of Albany: In collaboration with the Northeast Hispanic Catholic Center, we are working on the Diocesan Pastoral Planning.

The Archdiocese of New York: In collaboration with the Northeast Hispanic Catholic Center, we have developed the third part of the Pastoral Hispanic Leadership Course.

In addition to that, we have celebrated successfully the His-

panic Bicentennial Convocation that ended with a Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Edward Egan, concelebrated with 4 Bishops, about 20 priests from the Hispanic Ministry, various Deacons and the attendance of about 1,000 parishioners.

At that activity, some distinguished people of the Hispanic Ministry of the Archdiocese of New York, were recognized.

We are working on a DVD (Documentary) of about a half an hour duration about the Hispanic Ministry of the Archdiocese of New York.



Conference on Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Baltimore conducted by Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Moderator of NCADDHM

Region IV

The Episcopal Region IV comprises the dioceses of Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington, Arlington, and Richmond. It is the smallest of the Episcopal Regions. At present, the dioceses of Washington and Richmond have not filled the positions for Director of Hispanic Ministry. This past November, during the Northeast Conference of Diocesan Directors of Hispanic Ministry, Rev. Chris Posh and Mrs. Maria T.P Johnson had their regional meeting. They shared their projects and the vision for their ministry. Rev. Alan Deck S.J., Director of the Department of Diversity in the Church of the U.S. Bishop's Conference, was the presenter and facilitator for the theme "Pastoral of Accompanying." While the larger regions I, II and III, were not able to cover all the items of their discussions, region IV not only finished but had extra time to check for news of the other neighboring diocese. Next meeting will be in May; and unless Washington and Richmond have by then hired Directors, Fr. Chris and Maria will be joined by Fr. Hoyos Diocesan Director for Hispanic Ministry in Arlington. "We may be two, three or five, that does not matter, said Maria Johnson, what matters is that we collaborate in our ministries and programs and that we support each other as colleagues and friends."



Photos of the Northeast Conference of Diocesan Directors of Hispanic Ministry. Pastoral of Accompaniment. Speaker Fr. Alan Deck, S.J.

Region VI



Michigan

Welcome to the new Bishop: The Hispanic Ministry of Episcopal Region VI welcomes the Most Reverend Earl Boyea who has been appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the fifth Bishop of the **Diocese of Lansing**. Bishop Boyea was an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit from 2002 – 2008. We wish him the best in his ministry.

Social Justice: The Diocese of **Grand Rapids** has recently completed the Orientation Booklet for New Immigrants, in Spanish, ¡Tú tienes derechos! (You have rights) in coordination with the Immigration Advocacy & Assistance Program of Catholic Charities West Michigan which includes information from the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., and the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. This document will allow the new comers to be prepared against any eventuality. They have also included information on the parishes with Spanish services, as well as information regarding immigration services offered by the Immigration Assistance Office of Catholic Charities West Michigan. This booklet will be distributed to parishes in the Diocese of Grand Rapids who serve the Hispanic community.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo on July 31, 2008 will have a Diocesan Conference. The purpose of the conference is a reflection on Catholic Social Teaching in relation to migration and immigration issues. It targets our Priests, Religious, Seminarians, Deacons and Diocesan Directors and Associates.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo will host on August 2 and 3, 2008 a Hispanic Men's Retreat facilitated by Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit. "My Vocation: What Does It Mean to be a Hispanic Catholic Men in the United States."

The Hispanic Ministry in the **Diocese of Saginaw** has a Focus Group study that Bishop Carlson initiated among the Hispanic population last spring. The goal of this study is to take the pulse of the Hispanic faith community, so to speak. It aims to identify its strengths and weaknesses, the challenges it faces and what it is that Hispanic Catholics think could be done on the diocesan level to encourage greater participation of Hispanics in parishes and on the diocesan level. There has been a very positive response to this initiative, with 16 out of 28 parishes with large Hispanic populations hosting focus group sessions.

Ohio

The Ohio Hispanic Ministry Directors and Pastoral Ministers met in Cincinnati on February 19 to discuss immigration issues and JFI activities planned in each Diocese; spiritual and leadership formation programs; youth and young adult programs; and to review the format with a request that each update demographic and deportation statistics, and on Hispanic Ministry in the diocese and programs/services offered.

An invitation was extended to all to participate in the April 10 Day of Reflection - **Theology and Immigration - Pastoral and Social Response** facilitated by Timothy Matovina, Theologian from Notre Dame University, at the Martin de Porres Center in Columbus, Ohio. Also, all were encouraged to attend the USCCB Migrant and Refugee Office Conference July 28-30 in Washington, D.C.

Region VII

Midwest Regional Gathering

The Midwest Catholic Association for Hispanic Ministry (Episcopal Regions VI & VII), celebrated their Annual Conference on October 23-25, 2007 called "Llamados a la Solidaridad con la Iglesia Peregrina" at the Hilton Garden Inn in South Bend, Indiana. Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, from Las Cruces, NM gave us a wonderful day of pastoral and theological reflection about our mission and commitment with the immigrant. Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller spent sometime also with us.

INDIANA STATE GATHERING

South Bend, Indiana- Last October the Indiana Diocesan Directors of Hispanic Ministry and their collaborators in ministry had their State Gathering after the conclusion of the Midwest Regional Conference. The dioceses of Evansville, Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indianapolis and Lafayette, participated in this gathering. We had Fr. Chris Cox, CSC giving us a presentation on Immigration law, how to respond, and what to teach our immigrant communities in case of raids or detention. We talked about recent laws in our state that are and will affect our communities and ministries.

SEVEN HISPANIC DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED FOR ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, ordained seven Hispanic laymen as permanent deacons, during a ceremony in February. Their names (and their wives) as follow: **Ruben (Julia) Aguilar, Juan (Rose) Domínguez, Efrain (Carmen) Flores, Efrain (Mercedes) Lopez, Sergio Lopez, Pablo (Juanita) Perez, Rogelio Soto (Maria Ofelia)**. We congratulate all of you and thank you for your willingness to serve God through the service to his Church.

Liturgical Congress 2008

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The purpose of this Congress is to assist the Hispanics parishes in the enrichment of their lay ministers of the Liturgy. To inform about the celebration of "The Quinceañera": History, Commitment, the current document on the order for the Blessing on the Fifteenth Birthday by the Catholic conference of the Bishops of the USA published in the year 2007. Also for the formation for the people who serve in the Ministries of Eucharist, in the following areas: Music, Proclamation of the Word, and Hospitality. This congress was held on February 16, 2008.

On the Road to the Mall of America

By Andrea M. Rodríguez

"Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

I prayed for Jesus to be with us on the trip but, I did not expect Him to pack his bags and stay the whole time. What started as my plan for a carefree vacation to taste cheese and to go shopping became quite an experience. A simple request to help with an exhibit gave rise to a spiritual make-over that brought me closer to God.

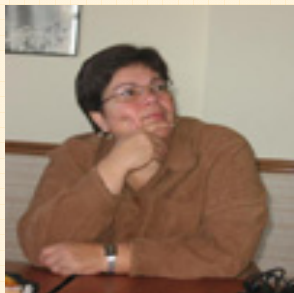
As a Covenant Associate with Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, I was asked to help with a vocation exhibit at a conference in Minneapolis.

Officially, the conference was the National Catholic Association of Diocesan Directors of Hispanic Ministry (NCADDHM) held from June 25–29, 2007. Sr. Rose Ann Kaiser invited me to help Sr. Teresa Aparicio-Cervantes. I requested that Evangelina Palma Ramirez attend as our diocesan representative. Now, there was nothing special about this conference. I had been to conferences before and had even coordinated statewide types. The uniqueness of this conference was the essence of Jesus intensely burning inside me.

The focus of the conference was Pastoral Accompaniment. Pastoral agents of Hispanic ministry were called to accompany people in their journey of faith and struggles for everyday survival. Conversion of the individual, society and pastoral agents combining compassion, solidarity, friendship, sharing and faith were key elements. Presenters shared how ministries were not Christian if filled with compassion alone. Compassion in ministries had to surge from an inner and deeply profound motivation like Jesus modeled for us with his life. Also, the importance of pastoral accompaniment was explained as having a conviction that victory will triumph over evil and is an act of faith – that the Reign of God will prevail and is attainable.

I felt Jesus "walking" with me at this conference, at the Mall of Americas, and even in eating cheese with me. Throughout my life, my spiritual conversions have resulted out of his friendship with me and it grew stronger in me through the communion experience with the conference participants. In hierarchical terms, I see the importance to work within my own region to establish a comprehensive diocesan-wide planning process to develop and implement a Diocesan Pastoral Plan including Hispanic Ministry and getting a Diocesan Director of Hispanic Ministry.

Portrait of a Diocesan Director of Hispanic Ministry



Enid De Jesus Roman

Born in Puerto Rico, Enid studied Industrial Engineering and worked in the field for nine years. She joined a missionary community in her homeland where she discerned the religious vocation and later continuing as a layperson she was sent by her diocese to Indiana

to work with migrant workers. She became Associate Director of "El Campito" a pre-school for children of migrant workers; then, she worked as Hispanic Liaison for a non-profit School Corporation working with Hispanic families.

When a friend talked to her about a position in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for Hispanic Ministry, Enid felt uninterested. She was happy working with Hispanic children and their families. However, this friend insisted and she decided to fill out the application, "maybe God was trying to show me a new path" thought Enid. Another friend said to her "remember one thing is to be in the Church and a different one is to work for the Church. It is not always nice or edifying" After her interview with Bishop D'Arcy, he called to offer her the position of Director of Hispanic Ministry and she accepted. "I do not regret working in this ministry. The first three years I tried to learn what it was that the community needed and to respond accordingly. Then, I worked in leadership development with the Cultural Institute for Leadership of the Mid-West. We have grown from seven to fourteen parishes offering Hispanic Ministry. I am particularly proud of the connection with the diocesan Church of the parish leadership. We have five new priests from Colombia and Mexico and an Associate for Youth. There are always challenges, limited resources and more needs in the parishes than we can respond too. What makes me get up with joy every morning is a desire to live holy, with wisdom, facilitating that lay people and clergy may sit together at the table joining hands to work for the kingdom"

At present, Enid is the President of the Catholic Association of Diocesan Directors for Hispanic Ministry.

Region VIII

Five representatives of Region VIII gathered for its winter meeting to plan an annual adult regional retreat. This year's theme is "Santísima Virgen María. Rueda por Nosotros." The Minnesota Bishop's Conference is experiencing a number of changes and these transitions affect Hispanic Ministry plans and implementation of the same. Archbishop Nienstedt, former bishop of the diocese of New Ulm, has been assigned the Coadjutor Archbishop of the diocese of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The general vicar of the diocese of Winona, Michel Hoepfner, has been ordained bishop in the diocese of Crookston. Two other bishops from the Conference are applying to the Curia of Rome for retirement and/or the appointment of a coadjutor.

Region IX

Region IX Encuentro: We are very excited here in region IX about our upcoming Encuentro which will be held in Kansas City on April 12-13. The theme of the meeting will be *Muchas Culturas – Una Familia*. We expect about 150-200 participants and the workshops to be developed will be: Immigration; Domestic Violence, Shared Leadership, Catholic Family Values and The Dignity of the Human Person.

Immigration continues to be a dominant issue throughout our region and many dioceses have been dealing with home and work raids, efforts to pass anti-immigration legislation in local municipalities, and the sudden closing of factories. In many dioceses, there is a great deal of fear among the people and that has led to a series of protests and marches in different areas of the region.

We are also happy to welcome Pedro Moreno as the new Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Region X: (Arkansas, Oklahoma, & Texas)

Region X had such a successful conference in Ft Worth last October that they are looking forward to their next Regional gathering in San Antonio, September 20, 2008. The conference in October was focused on Hispanic parish leadership with "Llamados, Formados y Enviados" as the theme. All the topics were addressed by the Diocesan Directors within the Region. Almost 150 Hispanic leaders participated in the conference. The Conference in San Antonio will be focused on Hispanic families and will take place at MACC. The theme for the conference is "La Familia: Formadora de Valores Hispanos y Cristianos."

MACC has been invited to become an ex-officio member of the organization. "We have always had a working relationship with the center and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with Dr Arturo Chavez, president of MACC and his staff," commented Fr. Hector Madrigal. Every two years new officers are elected. Gil Leija, from the Diocese of Austin completed his two year term. Under his guidance the Organization's Standard Operating Procedures were established and the participation of Diocesan Directors and Coordinators of Hispanic Ministry within the Region increased. A participant said, "We are grateful for Gil's commitment to Hispanic Ministry and his strong leadership, but we are not ready to let him go." Gil was elected as the new treasurer. Also elected to Regional leadership were Sister Rosario Martinez, from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City as secretary and "Nicho" Vazquez, from the Diocese of Little Rock as the Prayer Coordinator. Fr. Hector Madrigal, from the Diocese of Amarillo was elected the Regional Coordinator and will continue as representative to the NCADDHM Board.

All the members of Region X recognized the need for our ongoing spiritual development as "servant-leaders" of the Church focusing in Hispanic Ministry. For this reason at our Bi-annual meetings we have committed to always begin with a two-hour "mini-retreat". On February 25th, Mrs. Rita Minkley, Director of the San Antonio Archdiocesan Catechetical Center led the group on a theological reflection on "Leadership in Ministry." She described the four characteristics of a good leader in ministry: Visionary, Inspiring, Cultivates Community and Compassionate. Thanks Rita for a wonderful presentation.

The New Structure in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Dear colleagues in Hispanic/Latino ministry,

I write to you with news and greetings from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

New Structure: As you know, the new structure of the USCCB went into effect on January 1, 2008. Hispanic/Latino ministry is now located under the new Secretariat for the Cultural Diversity in the Church. The Executive Director of the Secretariat is Father Allan Figueroa Deck. The Secretariat has a total of eleven members of which four are Hispanics/Latinos. Our responsibility is to serve the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church (CCDC), and its five Episcopal Subcommittees in their pastoral work. Archbishop José H. Gómez is the President of the Committee, while Bishop Richard Garcia is the President of the Bishops' Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs.

New Role: My position inside the new Secretariat is as Assistant Director and I have direct responsibility on Hispanic ministry. This requires for me to walk closely with you, which fills me with great enthusiasm and hope. I have gladly accepted to be an ex-officio member to the NCADDHM's Board of Directors. As usual, I remain at your service and may be reached at aaguilera@usccb.org and my contact number is (202) 541-3155. I am sure that the relationship between NCADDHM, the Subcommittee of Hispanic Affairs, and USCCB's staff in general, will be fortified and will continue to be very fruitful in the upcoming years.

New Way of Working: In the next three years, the Conference will center its efforts in five priorities, which will be developed by five Task Forces representative of different bishops' committees. Three of these five task Forces will be facilitated by Hispanic bishops: Bishop Ricardo Ramírez (Cultural Diversity in the Church), Bishop Carlos Sevilla (Vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life), Bishop Gabino Zavala (Pastoral Initiative on Marriage). The other two priorities are: Formation in the Faith with Emphasis on the Sacramental Practices, and Life and Dignity of the Human Person. As you can see, the Hispanic bishops are exercising their leadership in the planning process that will guide the work of the entire Conference for the next few years.

New Beginning: New opportunities for growth and transformation emerge amid the pastoral, economic, legislative and cultural challenges we face today. In the midst of uncertainty and of new beginnings, there are lights that illuminate the road ahead of us and give direction. One of those lights is NCADDHM and each one of its members. You have the experience and know first hand how to better serve our Hispanic/Latinos brothers and sisters in a spirit of deep ecclesial unity with all the members of the Body of Christ. I invite you to share even with more generosity your vision, perspectives, gifts and values in building the reign of God in your diocese and in the nation. In a special way I invite you to seek creative ways to strengthen Pastoral de Conjunto among the different Hispanic-Catholic national organizations.

Great Promise: With more than 30 million Catholic Hispanic/Latino Catholics living in the United States, the future of the Church depends in great measure on the leadership that we offer, much in the same manner as the bishops describe it in *Encuentro & Mission*. The wealth of our historical memory, the ecclesial clarity of the Bishops documents on Hispanic ministry, and the vitality of our communities in more than 4,000 parishes are some of the ingredients that generate the most promise in the Church today. Let us continue being bridge-people as modeled in *Encuentro & Mission*. Let us live in joy today and tomorrow the call of Juan Paul II "to make the Church the home and the school of the communion".

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus

Region XIII

The Directors of Hispanic Ministry of the Region XIII, Mountain States, met on January 28-30, in Colorado Spring, CO. During this meeting, it was decided to help other dioceses of our region that may not have as many resources by establishing scholarships, such as sending some young adults to Fe y Vida or to Conferences as La RED, or even present special workshops, etc.

Tucson: Ruben Dávalos, they are preparing for the visit of Cardinal Rodriguez Madariaga from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, next May. They are getting a full time director for Youth and Young Adults.

Gallup (Deacon Luján) with Bishop Pelotte away on medical leave, they are being taken care of by Bishop Olmsted. At this time, they do not have anyone full time in the Hispanic Office, yet they have many who do so part time.

In **Cheyenne** (Mr. Stuart Palmer) At this time, their main concern is to provide the parishes that have Hispanic communities with some of the materials such as Bibles, Catechisms, etc. The Immigration situation is getting complicated there.

Las Cruces, has had a change of directors due to death (Carlos Corral R.I.P.) The new director is Claudia Moncada.

The Diocese of **Pueblo** has a new office called Immigrant and Hispanic Ministries. The office is staffed by three co-directors: Sr. Hilda Mateo, Sr. Frances Aldama, and Mr. Ronald Roybal.

Denver (Luis Soto) Among many other activities, they developed an excellent Stewardship Program in Spanish and they are willing to share it with other dioceses in our region.

In **Utah** (Maria Cruz Gray), the new bishop John C. Wester is the Chair of USCCB of the Migration and Refugees Services Committee, is member of the Board of CLINIC and Catholic Relief Services, of the USCCB Administration Committee, and of the Sub-committee for the Interrelation for Religious Dialogue. In almost a year with us, he has shown a great interest for the Hispanics and for this office. We continue to have many challenges because Catholics are a minority in the State. Hispanics make 70% of the Catholics in Utah. At the present, we have 26 out of 45 parishes with many Masses in Spanish.

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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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