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Dear Father,

Peace be with you in this Year of Mercy!

It is with great excitement that I write to you about the **Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry (V Encuentro)**, a key initiative of the USCCB's Strategic Plan for 2017-2020.

The V Encuentro is a four-year process of ecclesial reflection and evangelization that invites all Catholics in the United States to intense missionary activity, consultation, leadership development, and the identification of best ministerial practices in the spirit of the New Evangelization.

The V Encuentro process starts at the grassroots level and calls for the development of resources and initiatives to better serve the fast-growing Hispanic population in dioceses, parishes, ecclesial movements, and other Catholic organizations and institutions in light of its theme: **Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of God's Love.**

Your pastoral leadership will ensure that your community benefits from this important endeavor. Therefore, becoming familiar with the goals and objectives of the V Encuentro is essential in order to strategically incorporate this process into the life and mission of your parish. All materials associated with this process are available in English and Spanish. Please review the attached V Encuentro materials:

- V Encuentro Brochure
- V Encuentro Fact Sheet
- V Encuentro Diagram
- V Encuentro Logo/ Guidelines on use
- Parish Task List
- V Encuentro Bookmark
- V Encuentro Prayer

We invite you to begin forming your V Encuentro Parish Team during the late Summer and early Fall of 2016. The Arch/Diocesan V Encuentro Team is available to assist you so that everyone is ready for the official launch of V Encuentro Process which begins in January 2017.

Join thousands of pastors and faith communities on the V Encuentro journey of faith. We look forward to your participation!

In Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson Perez
Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs