From the beginning, the V Encuentro has prioritized young people.
What are the Objectives of the V Encuentros?

Call all Catholic leaders in the United States to become authentic and joyful missionary disciples by giving witness to God’s Love with a prophetic voice by encountering their Hispanic brothers and sisters in Christ, therefore embracing the cultural diversity in the U.S. Church.

Promote a vision of the Church in mission that develops effective pathways to invite, engage and form Hispanic Catholic youth, young adults, and families and ecclesial movements to live out their baptismal vocation. This includes the promotion of the vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Invite all Catholic leaders to engage and accompany Hispanic Catholics, particularly the most vulnerable and those who find themselves in the peripheries of the Church and society.

Identify and promote opportunities for Hispanic Catholic pastoral leaders to serve in leadership positions in the Church and in the larger society, and increase the number of lay and ordained ministers directly engaged in the New Evangelization. This will require dioceses and parishes to receive new leaders and those seeking formation to become leaders.

Stimulate a new wave of faith formation and leadership development initiatives that prepare Hispanic Catholics to share and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ and to become leaven for the Reign of God in society.
20,000 new pastoral leaders
Ways to reach young people
1. Website
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V Encuentro Resources

*An Easter Process for Hispanic Young People*
A book in Spanish with reflections by youth on the V Encuentro
Published by SEPI

*V Encuentro Youth Retreat*
A one day retreat in English for adolescents in 7-12th grade
By the Archdiocese of Louisville

*Adolescent Adaptation*
5 Sessions of the V Encuentro
By the Diocese of Orange

*Diocesan Youth Encuentro*
Adapted journal for young people for the five sessions
By the Archdiocese of Seattle

*Reflexiones para la Pastoral Juvenil*
A Lenten resource in Spanish for young people
By Catholic Relief Services
Suggested Composition of Delegates

- Young People under 35 yrs: 30%
- New or Emerging Leaders: 30%
- Seasoned Leaders: 30%
- Staff: 10%

Hover over chart to view percentages.
Download the V Encuentro Mobile App!

- Access V Encuentro resources
- Join our online community
- Get the latest news
- Connect with our leaders

Available on the App Store
Available on Google Play
Viral Video Challenge Nuestra Alegría
Participation in Diocesan Encuentros and conferences
Videos

WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD during the process of the V Encuentro
Youth and Young Adult Early Responses

Download the pictogram and PPT with early consultation results from a sample of young people in 17 dioceses and 19 parishes across the nation.

Download the Piktogram

Download the PowerPoint
Thank you for agreeing to take this survey! It will take you about 5 minutes, and in the process, you will be helping the U.S. Catholic Bishops and leaders in Catholic ministry with youth and young adults to better understand and respond to your needs. Please take your time and be honest. Anyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win an 8" Samsung Galaxy Tab S2 ($300 value) in a drawing on December 12, 2017.

¡Gracias por participar en esta encuesta! Al ofrecer 5 minutos de tu tiempo, ayudarás a los Obispos de Estados Unidos y a los líderes en la pastoral juvenil católica a mejor entender y responder a tu realidad. Favor de tomar tu tiempo y ser sincero al responder. Cada persona que llene la encuesta tendrá la posibilidad de ganar un 8" Samsung Galaxy Tab S2 (vale $300) en un sorteo el día 12 de diciembre de 2017.

* How old are you? ¿Cuántos años tienes? (Select one. Selecciona uno.)
- 12 or younger / a menor
- 13
- 14
- 15
191 young Hispanics
13-29 years of age
Q1 How old are you? ¿Cuántos años tienes? (Select one. Selecciona uno.)
8.4% completed the survey in Spanish

65% female, 35% males

24% parents are U.S. Citizens by birth

99.4% consider themselves Catholic
How old were you when you arrived in the U.S.?
where did your Spanish-speaking ancestors come from?

- Other
- South America
- Mexico
- Europe
- Central America
- Caribbean
- Don't know

Legend:
- Don't know
- Caribbean
- Central America
- Europe
- Mexico
- South America
- Other
82% speak English at home

84% speak Spanish at home
What do you most enjoy or appreciate about the Catholic Church, its mission, and its ministry?
What is one thing the Church could do to become more relevant, welcoming, or spiritually enriching for you and young people you know?
54% regularly pray in Spanish
61% regularly attend Mass in Spanish
55% prefer to attend Mass in Spanish
75% are Confirmed
15% attend Catholic School
Which social networks do you regularly post to or participate in?

- Facebook
- Imgur
- Instagram
- Online gaming
- Pinterest
- Snapchat
- Tumblr
- Twitch
- Twitter (posting)
- Other

Legend:
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- Other
33% use social media for spiritual purposes
(3D) Virtual Experience
What has been your experience and that of young people in the V Encuentro?
• Follow us and share our post
• Share the survey - deadline 12/12/17
• Share testimonials by young people
• Reflections by young people - video/articles
• Ensure that your diocese and region selects 30% of young people 18-35 as delegates
• Interviews
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