Hispanic/Latino Youth and Young Adults in the V Encuentro Consultation
Goal for participation of young Latinos
Poll
Regional and National feedback from the parish and diocesan processes
NCYC & online survey of young Latino Catholics
Successes and challenges
Consultation process

1. Success in reaching young immigrants,

2. Struggled to connect through offices of youth and young adult ministry, parish youth ministries, and Catholic schools

3. Tens of thousands of Latino youth and young adults were reached through the consultation, including 1,000 in the online survey
Major Themes

01 Changing Demographics
02 Language, generation and education
03 Evangelization and catechesis

04 Formation for leadership and ministry
05 Listening, accompaniment, and vocational discernment
06 Casting a bigger net

07 Common challenges
Changing Demographics

U.S. Catholics in 2016 by Age Group and Race/Ethnicity/Generation
Changing Demographics

70 Dioceses Where Most Catholics are Hispanic in 2016

Legend
- Dioceses where the majority of all Catholics are Hispanic
- Dioceses where Hispanics are the largest racial/ethnic group among all Catholics
- Dioceses where Hispanics are the largest racial/ethnic group among Catholic children (0-17)
## Diocesan Participation and Information

**Region**: Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut

**Updated**: 9.24.18

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Online Survey

1,000 highly engaged young Latino Catholics
Language

Responded in English vs. Speak Spanish at Home

- Responded in English: 40%
- Speak Spanish at Home: 100%
Generation

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# Educational Attainment of Hispanic / Latino Young Adults in U.S.

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needs

YYA resources and programming in Spanish or that responds to their cultural needs
Frustrations

Discrimination or pastors who do not support them
Greater Support and promotion of youth movements
Evangelization and catechesis

Ministry that flows from an encounter and relationship with Christ
Evangelization and catechesis

Engaging young people as missionaries to their peers
Deepening understanding of the faith

Especially through Scripture
Lived catechesis, not just doctrine

spiritual life, social justice, Eucharist & Reconciliation, prayer and devotions, service, moral choices,
Formation for leadership and ministry

Young Latinos want to exercise protagonism in ministry, and to receive appropriate training to carry out their roles.
Formation for leadership and ministry

Seminarians, priests, and adult youth ministry leaders need to understand appropriate principles, methodologies, and identify resources for effective Y&YA ministry among Hispanics/Latinos.
Listening, accompaniment, and vocational discernment

Young Latinos want to be heard and accompanied,
Too often they feel rejected, judged, or discriminated against, especially for their race/ethnicity, language, sexuality, or questioning beliefs.
They are asking for help to understand what a vocation is and how to discern a call from God.
Casting a bigger net
• Youth groups/Grupos Juveniles [Hispanic?] where none exist
• Retreats, activities, and events for young people
• Diocesan, regional, and national gatherings and formation
• Targeted programs for particular groups as needed: by age, language, culture, sacraments, gender, pastoral needs (i.e. education, gangs, addictions, traumas, immigration...) and interests (i.e. Scripture, prayer, music...)
Invitation, communication, and social media for evangelization
Engaging families and holistic formation for parents
### Common Challenges

#### family life
- immigration status, separation, cultural awareness

#### education
- preparation for college, and access to Catholic schools

#### pastors and youth ministry leaders
- Without language/cultural competence, understanding of the needs of young Latinos, or just disconnected

#### programs and methodologies
- that are boring or antiquated

#### access to
- financial resources, transportation, and time to participate

#### parents
- who are disengaged from Church or unsupportive of spiritual life

#### discrimination
- peer pressure, lack of trust, or given no voice in ministry.
Opportunities and gifts in the Hispanic/Latino community
Opportunities and gifts in the Hispanic/Latino community

1. Young Latinos with a great desire to serve and evangelize
2. Quinceañera and Confirmation programs
3. Ecclesial movements
4. Bilingual and bicultural adults in the community
Top Recommendations

- Focus on campus ministry, Catholic education, and college
- Formation, training, and support for Hispanic / Latino young adult leaders and leaders in youth ministry
- Family-based catechesis, with appropriate formation for parents
- Develop a national pastoral plan for Hispanic / Latino youth ministry
Important resources and successful practices
Emerging initiatives and strategies at the national level

La RED
Proyecto de Pastoral Juvenil

NFCYM
- Fortaleciendo Familias en la Fe
- Webinars en Español
- Future Resources/Formation
- Acompañamiento Project

V Encuentro
Leadership Formation Initiative

USCCB National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry
Post Encuentro implementations
Questions

1. What aspects of the consultation findings do you find most relevant to your reality?

2. What kind of response are you seeing in your diocese?
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