

V ENCUESTRO REGIONAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Region 7

GEOGRAPHY

Region VII includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin; the Archdioceses of Chicago, Indianapolis, and Milwaukee; and the Dioceses of Belleville, Evansville, Fort Wayne-South Bend, Gary, Green Bay, Joliet, La Crosse, Lafayette IN, Madison, Peoria, Rockford, Springfield IL, and Superior.



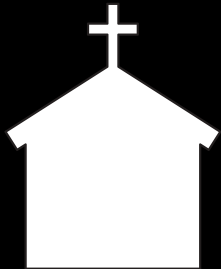
PASTORAL PROFILE OF HISPANIC/LATINO MINISTRY

Diocesan personnel dedicated to Hispanic ministry in the Region:

- In offices of Hispanic Ministry: **22**
- Responsible for *Pastoral Juvenil Hispana*: **1**
- In ethnic/multicultural or other specialized offices: **7**
- Office personnel assisting these leaders: **6**

Estimated Hispanic Catholic population:

- **718,000** immigrant Hispanic Catholics
- **923,000** Hispanic Catholics born in the U.S.
- **26%** of the Catholics in the Region are Hispanic/Latino



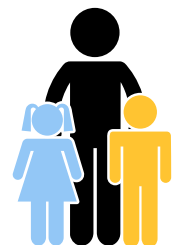
Parishes with Hispanic/Latino Ministry: **333**

Masses in Spanish:

- Weekly Masses: **625**
- Once-a-month Masses: **18**
- Average attendance per Mass: **362 (14.2%** of all Hispanic Catholics)

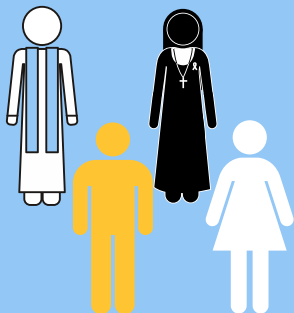
Among Children from 0-17 years old

- **36%** are Hispanics / Latinos born in the U.S.
- **3%** are immigrant Hispanics / Latinos
- In K-8 Catholic schools, **16.9%** are Hispanics / Latinos
- In Catholic high schools, **13.8%** are Hispanics / Latinos



Hispanic/Latino ecclesial ministers serving in the Region:

- Immigrant priests: **190**
- U.S.-born priests: **40**
- Religious sisters and brothers: **116**
- Deacons: **201**
- Lay ecclesial ministers: **163**



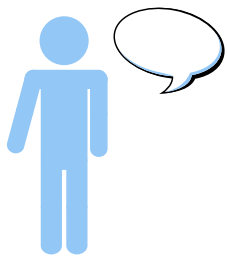
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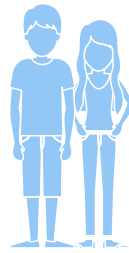
THE V ENCUESTRO IN REGION VII

- Sent **110 delegates** to the National Encuentro, including **6 ENAVE/ERAVE** and **5 bishops**.
- The Regional Encuentro was celebrated with **188 delegates** and **6 bishops**.
- **12 Diocesan Encuentros** were celebrated, with total attendance of **2,420**.
- **143 parishes/organizations** conducted the five sessions and **99** held a Parish Encuentro.
- **1,242 leaders** from **130 parishes** received training for the V Encuentro in **102 trainings**.

Main areas of new outreach in parishes through the V Encuentro:



English-speaking
Hispanics / Latinos



Hispanic/Latino young adults



University students

A Powerful Tool to Evangelize



The preparation and implementation of the *V Encuentro* process in our Region gave many of our communities the opportunity to discover the richness of the *Encuentro* with each other in the mission phase of the process. Many of them have embraced this action as a powerful tool to evangelize and reconnect with inactive Catholics and sometimes neighbors in their own "backyards". Their renewed vision as missionary disciples has motivated them to continue visiting and listening to people in the peripheries.

The Process of the *V Encuentro* has forged a renewed pastoral *de conjunto* as we worked together to provide an effective and cohesive model of cooperation and collaboration with the individual dioceses of our Region, without losing our identity as one regional body in Christ. At the end of the Regional *Encuentro*, the fraternal care and joy of having concluded this part of the process will motivate future parish, diocesan, and regional work.



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