Region VI includes the states of Michigan and Ohio; the Archdioceses of Cincinnati and Detroit; and the Dioceses of Cleveland, Columbus, Gaylord, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Marquette, Saginaw, Steubenville, Toledo, and Youngstown.

**GEOGRAPHY**

**Estimated Hispanic Catholic population:**
- 138,000 immigrant Hispanic Catholics
- 289,000 Hispanic Catholics born in the U.S.
- 11% of the Catholics in the Region are Hispanic/Latino

**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: 0
- In ethnic/multicultural or other specialized offices: 2
- Office personnel assisting these leaders: 2

Parishes with Hispanic/Latino Ministry: 111

**Masses in Spanish:**
- Weekly Masses: 136
- Once-a-month Masses: 31
- Average attendance per Mass: 248 (9.7% of all Hispanic Catholics)

Among Catholic Children from 0-17 years old
- 17% are Hispanics/Latinos born in the U.S.
- 1.5% are immigrant Hispanics/Latinos
- In K-8 Catholic schools, 5.1% are Hispanics/Latinos
- In Catholic high schools, 4.5% are Hispanics/Latinos

**Hispanic/Latino ecclesial ministers serving in the Region:**
- Immigrant priests: 31
- U.S.-born priests: 6
- Religious sisters and brothers: 51
- Deacons: 40
- Lay ecclesial ministers: 78
The V Encuentro in Region VI

- Sent 74 delegates to the National Encuentro, including 5 bishops.
- The Regional Encuentro was celebrated with 257 delegates and 5 bishops.
- 10 Diocesan Encuentros were celebrated, with total attendance of 1,705.
- 76 parishes/organizations conducted the five sessions and 62 held a Parish Encuentro.
- 835 leaders from 83 parishes received training for the V Encuentro in 31 trainings.

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

- Hispanic/Latino young adults
- Migrants and campesinos in rural areas
- English-speaking Hispanics/Latinos

The process of the V Encuentro in Region VI has been a process of evangelization, commitment, and fraternity among the dioceses of this Region. The participants, especially the young people, are enthusiastic and eager to follow the commitments that have emerged. They have set a goal to get involved at all levels of the Church.

In some dioceses, young adult leaders have emerged from the V Encuentro who are becoming involved not only at the parish level but also in the Region. They have pledged to continue accompanying their brothers and sisters in other dioceses because "unity is strength".

Due to this movement of commitment on the part of youth and adults, we are seeing the need for dioceses to provide even more support to young people and Hispanic families. We have seen in the priests a better understanding and availability to promote the pastoral formation of the parish leaders.