Processes and Models for a Catholic Migrant Integration Initiative:
Results from the Migrant and Immigration Ministerial Areas

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V ENCUENTRO

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Impact

- 142,000 people participated in parish sessions with over 211,000 more people reached in missionary actions undertaken as a result of the parish sessions.
- Participation of over 144 arch/dioceses and over 2,150 parishes.
- Over 30,000 new emerging Hispanic /Latino leaders identified as a result of the V Encuentro.
- 52,500 consultations analyzed.
- The process included a pastoral discernment of 28 ministerial areas within the context of Hispanic ministry.
28 Ministerial Areas

1. Campus Ministry
2. Care for Creation
3. Catholic Education (K-12)
4. Communications and New Media
5. Ecclesial Movements
6. Ecumenism
7. Evangelization and Mission
8. Faith Formation and Catechesis
9. Family Ministry
10. Global Solidarity
11. Higher Education
12. Hispanics in Public and Professional Life
13. Human Development
14. Immigration
15. Intercultural Competencies
16. Justice and Peace
17. Latinas in Church and Society
18. Leadership Development and Ministry Formation
19. Liturgy and Spirituality
20. Migrant Ministry
21. Ministry Among People with Disabilities and the Deaf Community
22. Ministry of Hispanic Young Adults
23. Ministry with Hispanic Adolescents
24. Ministry with the Incarcerated and Detained
25. Pro-Life Ministries
26. Scripture and Theology
27. Stewardship and Development
28. Vocations
RESULTS

Immigration & Migrant Ministry

Initial Roadmap for Church Model rooted in accompaniment, support, & solidarity for:
- asylum seekers & migrant workers and families

Roadmap Contains
- Religious & social context
- Overall Pastoral Vision
- Top Recommendations
- Successful practices from local level
Recommendations & Priorities

- National Catholic structure serving as a unified source of information, resources, services, successful practices for dioceses
- “National action network” disseminating information about threats, opportunities, and services to asylum seekers crossing at Southern Border
- Preparation of immigrant leaders to form parish groups that accompany asylum seekers and migrant families and workers
- Regional or diocesan conferences on human mobility focusing on Hispanic/Latino migrant ministries
- Establishment of ministries in migrant camps, traveling shows, truck stops, airports, and seafarer centers and ports
Suggested Practices (1)

Provide access to services and referrals for legal support, basic needs, life skills, language classes

Assistance Centers, Diocesan teams, parish groups that deliver social services & accompaniment to asylee seekers, migrant workers/families

Promote integration of migrants and families in Society and Church

Hiring of diocesan directors of migrant ministry and immigration as bridge btwn. Parishes and migrants
Suggested Practices (2)

Disseminating existing national resources at local level

Sharing resources, experiences, best practices among dioceses and parishes

Resource development: Diocesan guides/materials for families seeking humanitarian protection and migrants seeking work place justice
The Process for Ecclesial Integration and Inclusion

Here are foundational stages in the larger process of ecclesial integration:

**Catholic Identity**

**Movement 1:** Reach Out and Meet People Where They Are

**Movement 2:** Demonstrate Hospitality and Make People Feel at Home

**Movement 3:** Organize by Developing Ministries and Ministers

**Belonging**

**Movement 4:** Build Relationships across Cultures and Ministries

**Movement 5:** Champion Leadership Development and Formation

**Movement 6:** Open Wide the Doors to the Decision-Making Process

**Ownership**

**Movement 7:** Strengthen a Sense of Ownership

**Movement 8:** Sow and Reap Full Ownership and Stewardship

**Movement 9:** Achieve Full Commitment to the Mission of the Parish
Potential Next Steps

**Phase 1**
Governance:
Initial working group charged with setting overall direction
External advisory group representing Latino community

**Phase 2**
Exploration:
Conduct resource mapping & needs assessment

**Phase 3**
Planning:
Develop priorities & strategic goals to carry out vision
Create action plan and identify needed resources

**Phase 4**
Implementation:
Monitor & evaluate process, modify plan as necessary to reflect new circumstances
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