DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY

For pastors, staff members and pastoral leaders

Tuesday, September 19
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Lunch Included!)

St Mary Star of the Sea
6435 S. Kilbourn Ave.
Chicago, IL 60629

Welcome and Opening Remarks:
Bishop Gustavo García-Siller

Keynote:
Rev. Gary Riebe-Estrella
Vice President and Academic Dean of CTU, Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Hispanic Ministry. M.A., DePaul University; S.T.D., Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca. He is co-editor, with Timothy Matovina, of *Horizons of the Sacred: Mexican Traditions in U.S. Catholicism*.

Panel Presentation:
Fr. Timothy Howe, Pastor of St Procopius Parish
Ms. Terry Navarro, Pastoral Associate and DRE at Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Fr. Marco Mercado, Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish
Ms. Nelly Lorenzo, Catechetical Leadership Coordinator of OFC

Questions?
In an effort to make this affordable for all parishes and to encourage Pastoral Staffs to attend the registration fee is $10 per person or $25 per staff. Lunch is included in the fee. For more information and to register, please contact Peter J Ductram, Office for Hispanic Catholics at (773) 881-2100 or email at peterductram@archchicago.org

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Speakers:

“Understanding the way Hispanics perceive life, family, church, community, and the world.” This will set the ground for the panelists to present their experiences and strategies dealing with identifying leaders, caring and preparing the community for welcoming, understanding stewardship from Hispanic perspective, and Strategies to minister the Hispanic community in a multicultural context.

Rev. Gary Riebe-Estrella

Vice President and Academic Dean of CTU, Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Hispanic Ministry. M.A., DePaul University; S.T.D., Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca. Gary Riebe-Estrella treats traditional theological themes and questions of theological methods from within the experience of the U.S. Hispanic community. His research includes the role of Latino Catholics as church in the U.S., the world of religious imagination in Mexican popular religion, issues in multiculturalism, and culturally responsible theological formation for Latino pastoral agents. He is co-editor, with Timothy Matovina, of *Horizons of the Sacred: Mexican Traditions in U.S. Catholicism*.

“Where do we start? Strategies and Steps.” I suggest to work from two real life scenarios of how other people started ministering the Hispanic Community and what steps they followed.

Ms. Nelly Lorenzo

M.Div from CTU, Coordinator of Catechetical Leadership at the Office for Catechesis. She taught at Loyola University with an emphasis on the theologies currently emerging within the Hispanic/Latino community in the United States.
Identifying Hispanic Leadership as a Welcoming process.

How do we prepare/empower Hispanic leaders to become part of the parish life? What to expect? How can we affirm them as new comers? Are events a good unifying celebration?

Rev. Timothy Howe, sj

BA in philosophy from the University of California Berkeley and an MA in Spanish from Loyola University Chicago. He taught at Xavier High in Cincinnati and led students on mission trips to the Dominican Republic; he also directed retreats in Spain.

“How do we care and prepare the Anglo community in the process of welcoming the Hispanic community?” Important issues are: Challenges in building multicultural communities, possible reactions from the established community, what to expect? How to affirm?

Ms. Terry Navarro has worked at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish on the city’s southwest side for the last 20 years. She began as a teacher in the school, and for the last three years has been the Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education. She, her husband, Alfonso, and their five children have lived in the parish for 28 years. (Alfonso grew up in the parish!) She has witnessed and been part of the cultural and demographic changes in the parish and neighborhood and views herself as a “bridge” between those changes.

“Understanding Stewardship from Hispanic Perspective.” How do we prepare/empower Hispanic leaders to understand the importance of their support? What to expect at first? What to do? What tools do we have?

Rev. Marco Mercado Native of Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico. He studied Philosophy at the Instituto Salesiano de Filosofía in Mexico, DF. Lic. in Social Sciences at Normal Superior del Estado de Jalisco in Guadalajara. He studied Theology at the Instituto Teológico Salesiano, in Guadalajara Jalisco. Master in Divinity from Mundelein Seminary. Ordained in 1998. In 1998 he was appointed to St. Anthony of Padua parish in Cicero. In 2001, at St. Sylvester parish and in 2002 he was appointed Pastor at Good Shepherd Parish.