

The priorities from the Young Adult team of Diocesan Delegate have been added to the final diocesan report we have prepared for the V Encuentro National Office. These are some of their responses to the consultation:

“The young Catholic people hunger to be heard in their pastoral journey. As Hispanic/Latinos we experience generational differences of language and culture that difficult our encountering within our parish life.”

“We also know that we are a novel generation that is, empathetic, honest, joyful, and value our family and our faith. We know that if given the opportunity, we can share our talents in service to the church and the community.”

“We are in need of great programs, processes and missionary experiences that respond to our current needs such as identity, relativism, individualism, sexual identity, church teachings of social justice, family values and how to live our baptismal call of missionary discipleship in our daily lives. We are asking for attractive and dynamic programs that include the use of modern technology, such as social media.”

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## TOWARD THE REGIONAL ENCUESTRO

JANUARY 2018



## DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

### KNOW & REMEMBER, THE DIOCESAN CARE VALUE OF HOSPITALITY

WELCOME — RESPECT — ENCOURAGE — HELP — AFFIRM  
SHARE — EMPOWER — ATTENTIVE TO THE OTHER

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. Heb. 13-2*

### Continuing the mission,

Our parish communities are multicultural. As Christian disciples, we are called to be attentive and supportive of each other. This statement from our US Bishops talks to us strongly at this time when many of our immigrant brothers are being either deported or facing deportation

### From our US Bishops,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) opposes enforcement only immigration policies and supports comprehensive immigration reform. We are a nation of immigrants, struggling to address the challenges of many new immigrants in our midst. We are a society built on the strength of our families, called to defend marriage and offer moral and economic supports for family life. We are a powerful nation in a violent world, confronting terror and trying to build a safer, more just, more peaceful world. We are an affluent society where too many live in poverty and lack health care and other necessities of life. We are part of a global community facing urgent threats to the environment that must sustain us. These challenges are at the heart of public life and at the center of the pursuit of the common good. As Catholics, we are part of a community with a rich heritage that helps us consider the challenges in public life and contribute to greater justice and peace for all people.

Wherever we are, have been here for many generations, or have come more recently let us help one another to be united and recognize each other as one community.

We are meeting today January 26 the Regional Delegates at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. As you have been advised this is a requirement for all those who are going to Visalia in April.

PARISH COORDINATORS PLEASE CONFIRM WITH US THE NAMES OF THE DELEGATES FROM YOUR PARISH AND BE SURE ALL NAMES AND NUMBERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO rdavila@sbdioocese.org

All commitments need to be in our hands on today, as well as the first part of each delegate financial participation. We also need your definite plans on regard to traveling and accommodation; if you are "coming on the bus", and if you will stay on the hotels the diocese has reserved. Please leave the information with us

Please understand we can not take anymore people to Visalia. Parish delegates continue calling us to add more persons to the list of confirmed delegates and this is not possible.

TO ALL MISSIONARY DISCIPLES, PARISH LEADERS AND TEAMS, AND YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH GROUPS...

WE HAVE NOT FORGETTEN YOU! We are thankful for all the missionary efforts you have done and are still doing reaching out to those in the peripheries of the "comfort zones" we live in. To respond as Christians to our Lord call to love one another.

Let's read this words our diocesan Bishop Gerald Barnes shares with us for our mission:

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We have created our vision together. It gives us a common vista of hope for the Third Millennium. I am calling and challenging every Catholic in the Diocese to live our vision so that we transform three areas of life: the family, the neighborhood, and the larger society. This demands that we expand our understanding and experience of Church. Being Church is not only what happens in our parish communities, it is more. It means impacting our families, our neighborhoods and our society with the Good News of Jesus. This means that for every activity, project, and plan we make we must ask the questions:

"Does this bring hope to people?"

"Does this impact family, neighborhood, and society with the Gospel?"

We are challenged and called to be church in the every day places of our lives.

From Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium 98,

How many wars take place within the people of God and in our different communities! In our neighborhoods and in the workplace, how many wars are caused by envy and jealousy, even among Christians! Spiritual worldliness leads some Christians to war with other Christians who stand in the way of their quest for power, prestige, pleasure and economic security.

We need to avoid it by making the Church constantly go out from herself, keeping her mission focused on Jesus Christ, and her commitment to the poor. God save us from a worldly Church with superficial spiritual and pastoral trappings! This stifling worldliness can only be healed by breathing in the pure air of the Holy Spirit who frees us from self-centredness cloaked in an outward religiosity bereft of God. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of the Gospel!

99, Our world is being torn apart by wars and violence, and wounded by a widespread individualism which divides human beings, setting them against one another as they pursue their own well-being. In various countries, conflicts and old divisions from the past are re-emerging. I especially ask Christians in communities throughout the world to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion. Let everyone admire how you care for one another, and how you encourage and accompany one another: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35). This was Jesus' heartfelt prayer to the Father: "That they may all be one... in us... so that the world may believe" (Jn 17:21). Beware of the temptation of jealousy! We are all in the same boat and headed to the same port! Let us ask for the grace to rejoice in the gifts of each, which belong to all.

