



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio

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To the Clergy and the Faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to inform you about the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry (V Encuentro), a key initiative of the USCCB's 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. The theme for the Fifth Encuentro is **Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of God's Love**.

The V Encuentro is a four-year process of ecclesial reflection and evangelization inviting all Catholics in the United States to intense missionary activity, consultation and leadership development. It serves to identify the best ministerial practices in the spirit of the New Evangelization promoted in the Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guide.

The V Encuentro process starts at the grassroots level and calls for the development of resources and initiatives to better serve the fast-growing Hispanic population. This consultation hopes to strengthen the ways in which Hispanics respond to the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church.

Your pastoral leadership will ensure that the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA benefits from this important endeavor. Therefore, becoming familiar with the goals and objectives of the V Encuentro is essential in order to incorporate this process into the life and mission of the Archdiocese. You are encouraged to visit the www.vencuentro.org/v-encuentro-documents/ to develop an understanding of the process and goals.

The V Encuentro is among the priorities for the people of God who form the Church in the United States and your participation and support is critical to its success. The Department of Evangelization has been tasked with the responsibility of implementing the Encuentro process in this global Archdiocese. The Director of Faith Formation, José M. Amaya, is the lead agent of this endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact him by email FaithFormation@milarch.org or 202-719-3623 to inquire about how best to proceed.

Sincerely in Christ,

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AMS Fifth Encuentro Highlights

- Spring 2017: Five-week course through University of Dayton's VLCFF for an experience of reflection, evangelization and consultation guided by five themes inspired by Pope Francis' call to foster a culture of Encounter (cf. The Joy of the Gospel, n 24). This course will be available in Spanish and English.
 - Week 1: Called to a Loving Encounter with Jesus in the Church
 - Week 2: With Words and Actions: Do It!
 - Week 3: Walking Together with Jesus
 - Week 4: Bearing Fruits of New Life
 - Week 5: Celebrating the Joy of Being Missionary Disciples

- November 4, 2017: A virtual celebration of the Archdiocesan Encuentro
- May 19, 2018: Episcopal Region IV Encuentro, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
- September 20 - 23, 2018: National V Encuentro Event in Grapevine, Texas
- 2019-2020: A new document will be drafted to respond to the Hispanic presence and the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church for implementation.