

Notes from the Office of Hispanic Ministry
June 1, 2009

Memo 1: Hispanic Youth Day—July 18

I would be very grateful if you would include the following announcement in your parish bulletin once in June and once in early July:

The annual Diocesan Hispanic Youth Day will be held at the Pastoral Center, Bldg. 6, Belleville, IL. on Saturday July 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. Hispanic youth, ages 11 to 21+ are invited. There is no charge. We will “Build Bridges” literally and through cultural dialog. The day also includes fun, a construction activity, food and attendance prizes. For more information call: Sr. Cecilia Hellmann, Diocesan Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry at 618/235-9601 Ext. 129 or S. Irma Avila at extension 132. Deadline for registration is July 10.

I also invite your parish to consider participation in this event by having one of your parish organizations **send an attendance prize such as a backpack with appropriate gift (or snacks) inside, a gift basket appropriate for teenagers, or a gift certificate—value might be \$10 to \$20).** Your “virtual” presence and support of Hispanic youth could be shown through the gift that you send. If you are willing to participate, please deliver the attendance prize to the Office of Hispanic Ministry at the Pastoral Center anytime before July 14, 2009 (*please include a tag that identifies your parish*); or call to leave a message at 618-235-9601 ext. 129 and we will arrange for someone to pick it up.

Thank you for your efforts to help us in this ministry with young Catholics.

Memo 2:

Fr. Uriel Salamanca (Cobden/Carbondale area) asked that a message of **thanks** be sent to those pastors who published in their bulletins his request for musical instruments or a sound system to continue his evangelization ministry among Hispanics through music ministry. He says that some people are donating instruments, equipment or money, and he is very grateful to the priests for this “beautiful gift”.

Memo 3:

On May the 5th I had the opportunity to share a **slide presentation** on “Immigration, Our Present Reality and the Call of the Church” with the pastoral ministers who attend the North Central Deanery Meeting. I was encouraged by Msgr. Buerster, the dean, to offer this presentation to other deaneries. Just know that I would be very happy to do this, if, in the future, you have a half hour available on your agenda. Please call to arrange. (235-9601 ext. 129)

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Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry