

**MEMO:**

**To: Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators and all Parish Leaders**

**From: Office of Hispanic Ministry; S. Cecilia Hellmann, ASC--Coordinator**

**JUNE 12: Hispanic Youth Day**

Thank you so much to those pastors and parish leaders who have advertized the youth day event and to those who have sent attendance prizes as a way of letting Latino youth know that they have support from around the diocese. If you have not participated, there is still one more Sunday before our June 12<sup>th</sup> event. The announcement allows parishioners to become aware that we are, as a diocese, being attentive to young Hispanics among us.

The annual Diocesan Hispanic Youth Day will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 4:30. Hispanic youth, ages 11 to 21 are invited. The purpose is to encourage youth in their faith and life. There is no charge. Bus transportation is provided from some areas. For more info please call Sr. Cecilia Hellmann at 618-235-9601 ext. 129.

**JULY 15: Convocation V**

**Detailed plans have now been completed for this day.**

You, your staff, your teachers, PSR instructors and interested laity are invited to attend the **Convocation on “Immigrants Among Us”** sponsored by the Hispanic Ministry Office on July 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. (That’s a Thursday.) Along with information and slides regarding the church’s stance on immigration, justice issues related to immigration and the need for reform, there will be immigrants who share their story. A speaker from the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights will also be present to clarify what is happening in Washington, D.C. regarding immigration reform. Also, Father J.C. Cain, OMI, Director of Hispanic Ministry at the Shrine, will lead a reflection and discussion on “Living Justice”.

*A luncheon will be catered by the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Catechist certification credit will be given for attendance. The registration form and other details are given on a separate attachment. There is no charge for the day. A free-will offering of \$5 may be given to help defray the luncheon costs, but is not required.*