Instituto Fe y Vida expands its National Summer Program—offered since 1995 for those involved in pastoral juvenil—to pastoral ministers and trainers of Hispanic Ministry and Catechesis.

Choose from five alternative programs

### Pastoral Juvenil Hispana

**Symposium on Leadership for a Comprehensive Pastoral Juvenil: Sharing a Vision of Hope**

**Goal:** To go through an intensive experience of pastoral juvenil based on the Prophets of Hope model, which offers direction as well as processes for that ministry.

**Audience:** Young people over the age of 18, young adult leaders, advisers, trainers, coordinators, and ministers in pastoral juvenil communities, groups, and ecclesial movements.

**Topics:** Analysis of the reality of Latino youth and young adults • Comprehensive approach to evangelization, faith formation, and leadership training • Tools for initiating or advancing Hispanic youth and young adult ministry in the U.S. • Missionary discipleship • The Church as a community of communities • Shared leadership • Catholic Social Teaching • Foundations for a more advanced in depth formation • Practical application of the Symposium.

### BILINGUAL

**Spirituality, Life Project, and Self-improvement:**

**Goal:** To foster the spiritual life of young people as the center of their life project and personal growth, in accordance with their own vocation and situation in life.

**Audience:** Bilingual young people over the age of 18, young adult leaders, coordinators of youth ministry, adult advisers, and pastoral trainers.

**Topics:** What is spirituality • Spiritual and vocational discernment • Living the Stations of the Cross and the Resurrection • Reconciliation, freedom from oppressions, and healing inner wounds • Types of spirituality and ways of praying • Personal and cultural identity in the processes of human and spiritual growth • Incarnation of the personal life project in daily life • Spiritual retreat.

### Hispanic & Family Ministry, Pastoral Juvenil, and Catechesis

Training for young adult leaders with advanced formation, ecclesial ministers, trainers in Hispanic ministry, and leaders in apostolic movements*

**NEW!**

**Formation for a Christian Living of Human Sexuality**

**Goal:** To acquire a comprehensive vision and practical tools for a Christian education in sexuality, with an emphasis on parents as educators of their adolescent children.

**Topics:** Vision and attitudes on sexuality and its consequences • The wonder of our psychosexual development • Divine beauty of the human body • Educating for a suitable and fruitful courtship • Deepening into a Christian vision of sexuality • Helping our sons and daughters to grow with values and freedom • Education in love and chastity • Denigrating behaviors, sexual dysfunctions, and venereal diseases.

*Also for parents and lay leaders with pastoral and theological formation at an intermediate level.

**Pastoral ministry at the institutional level**

**Module 1: Spirituality, theory, and praxis**

**Goal:** To become familiar with the theology, spirituality, theory, and praxis of leadership for Hispanic Ministry, at the institutional level.

**Topics:** Pastoral spirituality • Transformational leadership • Theological reflection • Foundations of lay ecclesial ministry • Ministry in a pluricultural Church • The Church as a community of communities • Power and service in the Church • Mission of the laity in the world • Preparing liturgies • Pastoral de conjunto • Retreat: “Co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord.”

**Module 2:** To increase administrative skills for developing and handling programs as well as financial and human resources (summer 2017).
Twentieth-second Symposium
Leadership for a Comprehensive Pastoral Juvenil: Sharing a Vision of Hope

Coordinators: Leonardo Monguí-Casas, M.A. and Julia Sánchez

Goal
To acquire a broadened vision—supported by processes, techniques, and resources—for the evangelization, faith formation, and pastoral care of Hispanic young people.

Audience
• Young people over the age of 18
• Advisers in pastoral juvenil hispana
• Priests, religious, and lay people who coordinate or assist in pastoral juvenil hispana

Objectives
• To bring to the community the necessary components to start, continue, or boost a comprehensive pastoral juvenil that responds to the present situation of the U.S. Catholic Church and society.
• To acquire skills for a shared, active, and responsible leadership in a communitarian context, whether in a grupo juvenil, a small community, or an apostolic movement.
• To prepare for evangelizing and missionary pastoral action, setting the foundations for a more advanced formation.

Topics
• Analysis of the reality of Latino youth and young adults in the United States
• Self-knowledge and personal communication
• Interpersonal relationships within the community
• The Church as a community of communities
• To be Christian means to know and follow Jesus
• Formation and growth process as Church
• Leadership and service in a communitarian ministry
• Application of the Symposium experience to ministerial practice at the local level

Skills to be Acquired
• Community building
• Reflection and prayer facilitation
• Shared and collaborative leadership
• Preparation of liturgies and events
• Ministries of advisers and animators
• Coordination of activities
• Critical analysis
• Public speaking
**Seminar**

**The Church Reaching Out to Youth: Liturgy, music, and dinámicas in pastoral juvenil**

Trainers: Joe H. Castro and Ricardo Veloz

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**Goal**

To offer two complementary formation courses with practical exercises on liturgy, music, and dinámicas in pastoral juvenil.

**Objetives of the Liturgy and Music Seminar**

- To learn what liturgy is and its history.
- To get to know and apply the principal criteria of liturgical ministry.
- To go more deeply into the raison d’être and into the dinámicas of the liturgical year.
- To obtain theoretical and practical knowledge to plan and celebrate youth liturgies.
- To acquire criteria for the selection of liturgical music.
- To reflect on the role of the choir and the psalmist in liturgy.

**Topics**

- What is liturgy?
- Sacramentality and rite.
- The importance of rituals and symbols in life and in liturgy.
- The liturgical year and the liturgical calendar.
- The choir in liturgy with an emphasis on pastoral juvenil.
- The tradition and the liturgical richness of the Church and its integration in the faith life of young people.
- The planning, coordination, and celebration of liturgies.
- The liturgical music and criteria in its selection.

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**Objetives of the Music and Dinámicas Seminar**

- To acquire pastoral criteria to select secular and religious music for pastoral juvenil activities.
- To renew the participation of the music ministry in pastoral activities.
- To learn what are pastoral dinámicas, their use, and their challenges.
- To acquire skills in using dinámicas in pastoral juvenil.
- To explore the use of digital resources in pastoral juvenil formation and animation processes.

**Topics**

- How to select appropriate songs for pastoral activities.
- Pastoral music and its various styles: motivational, spiritual/meditation, animation/cheer up, catechetical.
- Planning liturgies of the Word and the Eucharistic liturgy.
- Objectives and pastoral use of dinámicas.
- Use of digital resources in formation and animation processes in pastoral juvenil.

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**Audience:**

Adult advisors, coordinators, and members of grupos juveniles and of music or liturgy ministries.

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**What are Instituto Fe y Vida’s seminars about?**

Instituto Fe y Vida’s seminars are opportunities for in-depth, continuous education. They are always offered in sets of two important and correlated subjects of pastoral juvenil by specialized faculty.

**What is the focus and methodology of the seminars?**

The focus and content of each seminar nourish the personal and pastoral development of the participating leaders and advisers. The active methodology, supported by best practices for adult education, promotes the understanding and integration of the contents and the acquisition of skills that apply to their personal life, occupation, and ministry.

**At what level are the seminars offered?**

The seminars are suitable for ecclesial ministers, advisers, and young adults who have several years of formation and ministerial experience, or who have taken the Certificate Program for Advisers and Leaders in Pastoral Juvenil. The content is at a university level, while the instruction is given at the high school level in order to make it more accessible to individuals without a higher academic education.
Bilingual Program
Spirituality, Life Project, and Self-improvement:
For Ministry with Young Latinos Born or Educated in the U.S.

Trainers: Patricia Jimenez, D.Min. and Antonio Medina-Rivera, Ph.D.

PARTICIPANTS’ COMMENTS
Regarding Spirituality
• The topic on spirituality impacted me the most; I now realize spirituality encompasses everything we do.
• I loved learning about the different types of prayer. It was fabulous!
• The Stations of the Cross helped me to see them in today’s world reality and to improve my relationship with God.

Regarding Life Project and Self-improvement
• A vital topic for me was discernment in daily life and in critical moments.
• Reflecting on my personal life project confirmed that I am going on the correct path, but that I need to work harder in my strategies.
• Following the discernment process helped me to find myself, and it encouraged me to facilitate the process among other young people.

In what sense is this a bilingual seminar?
Spiritual process will be facilitated in Spanish; life project process will be in English. Participants need to be able to understand both languages. They will be able to carry out their own reflections in their preferred language.
Formation for a Christian Living of Human Sexuality
Focused on parents as educators, with an emphasis on adolescence

Trainers: Carlos Carrillo, M.Ed. and Carmen María Cervantes, Ed.D.

Goal
To acquire a comprehensive vision and practical tools for a Christian education in sexuality, with an emphasis on parents as educators of their adolescent children.

Main Audience
• Trainers and ministers in pastoral juvenil and family ministry
• Parents as educators of their children, focusing on their adolescence

Secondary Audience
• Newlywed couples
• Young adults considering marriage

Requirements: Theological and pastoral formation at an intermediate level

Topics
• Vision and attitudes on sexuality and their consequences
• The wonder of our psychosexual development
• Divine beauty of the human body
• Educating for a suitable and fruitful courtship
• Deepening into a Christian vision of sexuality
• Helping our sons and daughters to grow with values and freedom
• Education in love and chastity
• Denigrating behaviors, sexual dysfunctions, and venereal diseases

Main Objectives
• Training of trainers and ministers in youth, young adult, and family ministry, so that they carry out a comprehensive sexual formation, particularly as parents as educators of their children, with an emphasis in adolescence.
• To offer parents sexual formation that will help them in their own development, in their marriage, and in the education of their children.

Other Objectives
• To provide newlywed couples the opportunity to reflect on their own personal sexual life and as a married couple.
• To propose young people a vision regarding sexuality that will help them in their courtship and prepare them to live the sacrament of Matrimony.

It offers a three-fold viewpoint
• Toward oneself as a man or a woman
• Toward intimacy in marriage
• Toward education of own children

Training Process
Processes are designed so that participants reflect on their own sexual experience from the Catholic perspective and from the role they play in ministry, as a single or a married person, with children or preparing to have them.

“[I invite you to recognize and value the good judgment and beauty of the moral teachings of the Catholic Church in order to fulfill ourselves better as human beings—men and women. Trust in Jesus’ gospel and have healthy and inspiring conversations regarding sexual issues, with your spouse, children, and faith communities.]”

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

Training for Ecclesial Ministers and Young Adult Leaders with Advance Formation:

Expanding Horizons for Lay Ministry

A program that expands participants’ vision, develops their administrative skills, and strengthens their own spirituality as Church leaders.

Objectives

- To offer theoretical knowledge and practical training for a transformational leadership at the institutional level of the Catholic Church in the United States, which responds to the reality of the Hispanic people.
- To nurture the lives of Hispanic leaders, both in the spiritual and psychological aspects, in such a way that they may envision themselves as Christians capable of revitalizing the Church through effective pastoral action, rooted in the Gospel and in Catholic Social Teaching.
- To provide tools for the development and practice of lay ecclesial ministry, in the spirit of the "Revised National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers."
- To conduct exercises for critical analysis, pastoral planning, conflict resolution, budgeting, directing pastoral processes and other exercises to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of ministry at the institutional level.
- To share ministry experiences, ideals, and challenges, and create a network of peers in order to promote the professional status of Hispanic lay ecclesial ministers at the parish, diocesan, regional, and national levels.

Who are “Lay ecclesial ministers”? 

Lay ecclesial ministers are those who serve publicly within the structures of the Church—parishes, schools, diocesan offices, and other Catholic institutions—with the authorization of the bishop. They collaborate in a complementary way with the ordained ministers in the saving mission of Christ, thus their service presupposes considerable preparation, formation, and professional competency.

What are the “Revised National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers”? 

These Standards are a set of professional guidelines for lay ecclesial ministers, which include the vision as well as the competencies required of them, in light of the document “Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord,” published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Why is this training offered by Instituto Fe y Vida? 

Instituto Fe y Vida played a pivotal role—through the Accreditation and Certification Commission of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM)—to ensure that people working in pastoral juvenil hispana at the parish or diocesan level may be certified. Certification requires advanced formation following the approach offered in this training. Since persons serving in other ministries may also benefit from this training, Fe y Vida designed the program for a broader audience.

Two Modalities in the Training

1. Personal development
   - Pastoral certification: 40 class-hours per module
   - Diocesan and parish personnel in Hispanic Ministry, Catechesis, Liturgy, pastoral juvenil, and other ecclesial ministries
   - Members of diocesan and parish councils
   - Hispanic pastoral leaders interested in formation as ecclesial ministers in the U.S. Catholic Church
   - Young adult leaders and advisers in Pastoral Juvenil Hispana

   Requirements: Advanced pastoral-theological formation and leadership experience at the institutional level.

2. Dioceses and pastoral institutes that would like to offer the training
   - Certification and resources for local implementation
   - Pastoral institutes and schools of ministry serving Hispanics
   - Diocesan offices of Hispanic Ministry

   Requirements: (a) Participation of the director plus two faculty members with MA degrees or equivalent; (b) To learn more, contact Walter F. Mena, Director of Programs.
**MODULE 1: SUMMER OF 2016**

**Goal**
To become familiar with the theology, spirituality, theory, and praxis of leadership for Hispanic Ministry, at the institutional level.

- Pastoral Spirituality: Sustenance for all ecclesial ministries.
- Transformational Leadership: Requirements and challenges.
- Liturgies of the Word: Essential elements, planning, and praxis.
- Theological Reflection: Rationale and method.
- Liturgical and Pastoral Leadership: Context, contributions, challenges, and vision.
- The Church and its Structures: Lay people in ecclesial ministries.
- “Revised National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers.”
- The Assessment of Power and Latino Leadership in the Church.
- Co-responsibility in Leadership: An empowering model.
- Cultural Processes in a Pluricultural Church: Faith and culture, inculturation.
- The Parish as a Community of Communities.

**MODULE 2: SUMMER OF 2017**

**Goal**
To increase administrative skills for developing and handling programs as well as financial and human resources.

- Spirituality: The foundation of pastoral administration.
- Institutional Leadership: Its characteristics and challenges.
- Models of Pastoral Coordination.
- Lectio divina in Pastoral Administration: What is it? Planning and practice.
- Planning and Coordination of Volunteers.
- Strategic Planning.
- Planning, Coordination, and Facilitation of Meetings.
- Analysis and Handling of Personality Profiles.
- Emotional Intelligence and Effective Communication.
- Conflict Management and Transformative Mediation.
- Stewardship and Fund Raising.
- Accounting, Budgets, and Financial Transparency.
- Final Retreat: “Lectio divina as light and strength to enhance and invigorate the learning experience.”

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“...The training has been key in my formation. I understood the theological-pastoral framework that supports my vocation and my responsibility to be a prophetic voice; I also obtained effective tools of pastoral administration and strategic planning. —Miguel Santos, Campus and Young Adult Ministry Director and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Dioceses of Brownsville

“...The MEL Program is very thorough. It expanded my vision and knowledge as an ecclesial leader; I got to know myself better and obtained theoretical and hands-on training. I thank God and Fe y Vida for this opportunity!” —Carmen Dean, Hispanic Ministry Director, Church of the Risen Savior, Burnsville, MN

“This program is an eye-opener and provides the ecclesial vision and language used in Church offices, something essential to obtain the necessary resources for pastoral juvenil. It helped me to improve the administration of the Hispanic Ministry office in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and also my personal administration. —Maria de los Angeles Marino (Angie), Delegate of Pastoral Juvenil Hispana, Diocese of Tyler, TX

The National Summer Program was, is and will be unforgettable, motivating, inspiring, but above all educational. Time is now because tomorrow does not exist; the mission is the same: ‘Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.’ ‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.’ —Erick Tovar, Seattle, Washington.

SUMMER PROGRAM LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

- The Annual Summer Program will be held at Lewis University, in Romeoville, IL (http://www.lewisu.edu/). O’Hare Airport (http://www.airport-ohare.com/) is 35 miles from the University; Midway Airport (http://www.airport-midway.com/) is 27 miles from the University, plus transportation and shuttle.

- Registration: Sunday, Sunday, June 26, 3:00 – 6:00 PM
- Closing celebration: Saturday, July 2, 6:00 PM (end of activities)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Some partial registration scholarships are available. Please write a letter to Walter F. Mena with your name, address, phone, and email explaining which program you would like to attend and why, your pastoral experience, and the reason you need financial support: wmena@feyvida.org or 15 W Water Street, #2, Wakefield, MA 01880
- Scholarship deadline: May 27, 2016
- You may request financial help from Sponsors in your own community. The request form is available for download at: http://www.FeyVida.org/programs/summer.html

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