

## PRAYER OF THE FIFTH NATIONAL ENCUESTRO

God of Mercy,  
You that went out to encounter  
the disciples on the way to Emmaus,  
grant us a missionary spirit  
and send us forth to encounter  
our brothers and sisters,  
to walk along beside them,  
listen to their hopes and dreams,  
rekindle their faith  
with the fire of your Word,  
prepare them to recognize you  
in the Eucharist  
and send them as missionary disciples  
to share the joy of the Gospel  
to present and future generations  
of every race, language and culture.

We ask you this  
from our burning hearts  
filled with the Holy Spirit,  
in the Name of your beloved Son  
and through the intercession of our Mother,  
Mary of Guadalupe  
Star of the New Evangelization  
Amen.



The V Encuentro is a four-year multi-cultural process of ecclesial reflection and action that invites all Catholics in the United States to intense missionary activity, consultation, leadership development, and identification of best ministerial practices in the spirit of the New Evangelization. The process has been proclaimed as a priority activity of the USCCB's Strategic Plan for 2017-2020. The V Encuentro starts at the grass-roots level and calls for the development of resources and initiatives to better serve the fast-growing Hispanic population in dioceses, parishes, ecclesial movements, and other Catholic organizations and institutions in light of its theme: Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of God's Love. In essence, the V Encuentro is a gift from the Hispanic/Latino Church to all of the Church.

## WHAT IS THE FIFTH ENCOUNTER (V-ENCUESTRO)

### Who participates in the V Encuentro?

All leaders in arch/dioceses, parishes, lay ecclesial movements and other Catholic organizations and institutions, such as Catholic Schools and Catholic Charities, are invited to participate by encountering not only Hispanic/Latino Catholics, but those who have distanced themselves from the Church, particularly those living in the periphery through the missionary process of evangelization, outreach and consultation of the *V Encuentro*.

### What is the goal of the V Encuentro?

The main goal of the *V Encuentro* is to discern ways in which the Church in the United States can better respond to the Hispanic/Latino presence, and to strengthen the ways in which Hispanics/Latinos and those feeling left out, respond to the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church, and how we can answer the call to missionary discipleship in a multi-cultural church, united in our diversity. In the Archdiocese of San Antonio, it is envisioned to be a timely and effective vehicle through which to execute the Archdiocesan Shared Vision and Pastoral Plan proclaimed at Pentecost 2013, to generate a missionary discipleship that will lift the entire church of San Antonio to effect the New Evangelization in all areas of the local Church's ministry and service. It is also an additional means to assist parishes to reach their Parish Goals proclaimed at Pentecost 2015.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**HOLY TRINITY**  
**PARISH ENCUESTRO**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017**



You can visit the Archdioceses web link  
for the V Encuentro at:  
[www.archsa.org/V Encuentro](http://www.archsa.org/V_Encuentro)

Emphasizing the need for a continual pastoral conversation that allows the Church, consistent with its missionary nature, to respond with more fidelity and enthusiasm to the presence in parishes and dioceses. The Church will empower the people to live their vocation more fully as joyful missionaries to the whole Church.

Theme Missionary Disciples:  
Witnesses of God's Love.

#### Five Generative Themes

1. Called to a Loving Encounter with Jesus
2. With Words and Actions: Do it!
3. Walking together with Jesus
4. Bearing Fruits of New Life
5. Celebrating the Joy of Being Missionary Disciples

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