

The Identified Issues for Discerning the Priorities

Top 7

1. **Vocations** - those initiatives, ministries, and activities that promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate as well as fosters appropriate clergy and religious assignments who are bilingual to work with the Hispanic Community

- Promote vocations
- Priest assignments according to the needs of the Hispanic Community

2. **Youth** – those initiatives, ministries, and activities that support, affirm, and promote development and spiritual enrichment of the youth

- Mobile team to work with the youth
- Diocesan pastoral plan to work with the youth

3. **Formation** - those initiatives, ministries, and activities that promote and foster the spiritual development and faith formation of the individuals and communities

- Promote faith formation and sacramental life
- Promote prayer – spiritual development
- Promote solid formation at all levels: children, youth, adult, families
 - Develop ministry leaders and pastoral formation for the leaders
 - Promote schools of ministry for all leaders (i.e. SEPI, LPMI, other)

4. **Evangelization** - those initiatives, ministries, and activities that promote the spreading of the Gospel, the building up, and strengthening of the faith communities

- Develop programs for the separated brothers and sisters of the church
- Create awareness about the causes of the exodus of Hispanics from the Catholic Church to other faiths
- Promote prayer – spiritual development
- Promote registration of Hispanics
- Promote visit to families at all levels
- Registration campaigns
- Take advantage of communication media to evangelize

5. **Small Christian Community** - those initiatives, ministries, and activities that promote, support, or strengthen the small Christian communities

- Promote small Christian communities

6. **Social Justice** - those initiatives, ministries, and activities that promote and advocate for a most just society that respects the life and dignity of all people

- Strengthen Social Justice Programs
- Stronger voice in politics
- Registration should not be the only way to recognize the presence of Hispanics
- Seek ways to promote the participation of undocumented in the parish life
- Promote English and care of Children in more parishes

7. **Immigration/Undocumented** - those initiatives, ministries, and activities that promote and foster education, advocacy, for human rights whether one is documented or not with special emphasis on immigration issues

- Communicate to undocumented what are their rights
- Develop program for the immigrants to raise awareness among the general public about their plight
- Resources to support families affected by immigration

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These are based upon the table discussion from September 2008 – Assembly at Nativity Parish

- * Vocations - 5
- * Programs for brothers and sisters separated from the Church - 2
- * Immigration – programs to help increase awareness among the general public about their plight - 4
- * Diocesan Hispanic Plan to work with the youth - 7
- * Promote Ministry School such as SEPI, LPMI - 5
- * Pastoral Commission - 2
- * Evangelization – taking advantage of the communication tools – 5 (bulletins)
- * Promote registration in parishes
- * Priest given authority to implement Pastoral Plan - 2
- * Promote Mobile Team Units – 3 (youth and Pastoral Plan)
- * Promote Small Christian Communities - 5
- * Promote Faith formation at all levels - 5
- * Stimulate pastors that the Pastoral plan is carried out
- * Social Justice - 5
- * Formation and evangelization at all levels including those outside the Church
- * Sacramental life and formation - accessible - 3
- * Be inclusive of the undocumented - 2
- * Language of the plan must be simple, realistic, popular, and reachable
- * Promote visits to families at all levels
- * Diocesan celebrations - calendar