



Young Latino Summer Leadership Institute



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You Lead, Young Latino Summer Leadership Institute

is a program of integral formation that seeks to prepare first, second, and third-generation young Latinos in the Southeast to be faithful missionary disciples and effective leaders, in order to serve the Church and society, living out their vocations to the fullest. The bilingual, two-level program, held in consecutive Summer one-week sessions, will prepare promising young Hispanic leaders, with the potential to impact their communities and local churches.

The program was created in response to the priorities and needs identified in the V National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry and the Synod on Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment.

Each year the program will take place in a different part of the region, giving the opportunity local leaders to be involved in the planning process.



CORE ELEMENTS



COMMUNION



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



FORMATION



MISSION



PROGRAM

FIRST-YEAR CLASSES:

- Leader's profile
 - Theology of the body
 - Accompaniment
 - Youcat, Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church
 - Intercultural Competences
 - Pastoral Juvenil 101
 - Digital Evangelization
 - Hispanics in the United States
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PROGRAM

SECOND-YEAR CLASSES:

- Leader's profile
 - Theology of the body 2
 - Accompaniment
 - Docat, social teaching of the Catholic Church
 - Intercultural Competences
 - Pastoral Juvenil 101
 - Our Church today
 - Digital Evangelization
 - Hispanics in the United States
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Through the progress of the program, we have been able to learn new ways and plan in response to the needs of our communities. Each year at the end of the institute the participants complete an evaluation providing us with feedback that will be used intentionally for future programs.

Young Latino Summer Leadership Institute has brought about new insights to enrich the program and its participants, and we can divide them into three main points: Community building, Importance of Accompaniment, and Leadership development.

**Community
building**

**Importance of
Accompaniment**

**Leadership
development**





One of the distinctive elements of the Young Latino Summer Leadership Institute is the focus on building community in the participants helping them to connect with other participants and their realities.

"The most valuable thing was the bonds I formed. I also learned so much about God that I did not know before"

That quote came from one of the participants during the evaluation of the program. The sense of community that you could perceive during that week was outstanding. The participants took the time to get to know each other and build relationships.

During the institute, the participants attend a "cultural night" where each participant has the opportunity to share their roots. Each participant comes prepared with something to share with others. With this activity, the participants can share a part of themselves, being proud of their heritage; they have the opportunity to learn from others from a place of respect to diversity being able to connect with their realities. Also, the participants are able to develop a better sense of how powerful is being Latino. One of the participants made the following comment in the evaluation:

"I realize that I need to know more about my culture, and I am excited to learn more about my roots"



ACCOMPANIMENT

During the conversation with the participants and in the evaluation after the program, we notice the need for the accompaniment of these leaders after the summer is over. The participants have a mentor assigned to them to follow up with them the goals that they set for themselves being able to make an impact in their communities in the long or short term.





LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

“Lo mas valioso que llevo es que (the most valuable thing that I took with me is that) I am worthy of being a good leader and see what areas I need to improve on and realizing that I have my own gifts to offer and that I shouldn’t be afraid of where God is calling”

In the previous comment, it is visible the insight that this young leader made connecting his value with the call that God was making to him in order to serve his community effectively. During the evaluation, the participants were asked about how they will implement what they received in their parishes. The answers were from specific activities or events that they will like to offer to their communities to bigger plans such as creating youth groups in their parishes. Ten of the participants mentioned their desire of creating a youth group. Here are some of the answers:

“getting involved in the church to be seen and listened”

“advocacy and the duty we have as a church to the poor”

“establish a Hispanic youth group that discusses mainly theology of the body in relation to God”

TRANSFORMATIONAL IMPACT

The best way to express the transformational impact of the program on participants is in their own words:

"I am extremely thankful for each and every person that allowed me this opportunity. I have heard say "be comfortable being uncomfortable", and with God's presence and love, He has allowed me to grow so much spiritually. I felt unworthy but God had a purpose for me. He had a plan, and I love SEPI for giving me and my brother and every one of us Latino youth this experience."

"I am very grateful to SEPI for this program, without them, I could not get it anywhere else"





YOU LEAD 2022

JUNE 17- 24, 2022

YOUNG ADULTS - 18-30 YEARS OLD



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Flaget Retreat Center - Archdiocese of Louisville

**IN ADDITION TO THE WEEK OF FORMATION
THE PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE:**

Missionary Experience at Franciscan Kitchen, Louisville

Prayer experience at Abbey Ghetsemany

We will visit and explore areas of Kentucky

DONATION:

300\$



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