Follow-up Sessions

The V Encuentro process continues in our hearts, parishes and movements. Remember that the national V Encuentro website, VEncuentro.org, offers follow-up sessions each month, through October. The sessions help participants of the V Encuentro process reflect upon and continue their journey as missionary disciples.

A theme is explored each month using the process learned in the five Encuentro sessions: See, Judge, Act, Celebrate and Mission. The theme for March is “Reconciliation/Forgiveness” and suggestions are offered to reflect, pray and celebrate. There’s also a PDF available for downloading and sharing.

Diocesan V Encuentro

Nearly 250,000 delegates from 165 dioceses participated in a diocesan Encuentro through last December. Locally, 240 delegates from 35 parishes from San Diego and Imperial Counties attended the San Diego Diocesan Encuentro held last October at the University of San Diego. With enthusiasm and joy, the delegates developed 18 proposals, which can be reviewed on our bilingual website, sdcatholic.org/vencuentro.

Regional V Encuentro

Preparations continue for our participation in the Regional V Encuentro, April 27 to 29 in Visalia, Calif., where delegates will gather from California, Nevada and Hawaii. The delegates will share the proposals they developed at their diocesan

Encuentros, and working together will propose new ways for the Church to better respond to the presence of the Latino community.

Around 100 delegates from the San Diego Diocese will attend the regional Encuentro. Previously, they had participated in their parish Encuentros and were endorsed by their parish priest for participation in the regional Encuentro. Young delegates were particularly invited to attend. The approximate cost of attending the Regional Encuentro is $230 per delegate, which includes registration, bus transportation and lodging. (The cost decreases if delegates share a hotel room.) Thanks to the ongoing support of parishes and the diocese that subsidize a portion of the cost, that it provides delegates the opportunity to participate.

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**National V Encuentro**

All consultations at the parish, diocesan and regional levels will culminate in the National Encuentro, scheduled for Sept. 20 to 23, in Grapevine, Texas. The delegates will discern the final proposals that will advance to the bishops of the United States. Locally, a total of 50 delegates, approved by Bishop Robert McElroy, are expected to attend the National Encuentro. The approximate cost to attend the national Encuentro is $1,200 per delegate, which includes registration, flight and lodging. (The cost decreases if the hotel room is shared.) Once again, we are grateful to the parishes for their support. The diocese plans to subsidize the cost for each delegate to attend and is working to identify other sources of funding to support their participation.

**Missionary Disciples in Action**

As Missionary Disciples we are invited to continue our journey towards encounter with our brothers and sisters in the peripheries. This Lent, we invite you to participate in the Faith in Action program CRS Rice Bowl (session 4 of the V Encuentro parish process). You can participate individually, as a family, community/prayer group and parish in global solidarity.

As sponsors of the V Encuentro process, CRS Rice Bowl offers faith formation resources for each member of your community and the opportunity to take missionary action in service of our neighbor in need this Lent. It’s not too late for your community to participate. You may order the free materials at crsricebowl.org/order

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