

July 27 – 31, 2020, online via Zoom

The XIII Regional Summer Seminar on Formation for Hispanic Ministry was held from July 27 to 31, 2020. Due to pandemic conditions, the Seminar was held online (through Zoom) on a schedule of 1:00 - 2:30 PM PDT, Monday through Friday. Also on Tuesday, July 28 at 6:00 PM, a group of 15 participants held a virtual social gathering.

Participants came from:

- 12 of the 15 (arch)dioceses of California, Hawaii and Nevada
- 3 Catholic universities
- 2 independent pastoral institutes
- 1 missionary congregation with formation programs

The participant list is attached to this report. The XIII Seminario was supported by an anonymous foundation. The Seminario is an initiative of Loyola Marymount University (LMU) coordinated by Steering Committee and has the support of the Bishops of California and Nevada.

MAIN POINTS

- **Affective maturity and discernment** - Fr. Allan Deck, S.J. spoke of a change in mindset for the formation of pastoral ministers today:
 - Rather than a clergy / laity dichotomy, a mindset that we are all missionary disciples
 - Instead of a preference for certainty, a preference for the Spirit to act
 - Love that discerns, which prompts us to get rid of disordered desires
 - The goal of a freedom **to** love replaces the notion of freedom **from** things, people and situations
- **Pastoral leadership and planning** - Sr. Rosalía Meza, VDMF invited the participants to seriously consider their own experience in the exercise of leadership, since theology starts from the experience of life. This aided an understanding of the exercise of the leadership concepts of power and authority, and how a misunderstanding of these two concepts can be a source of conflict. She also spoke about pastoral planning, and invited the participants to share about the most important elements for the transmission of the faith and how these elements are integrated into pastoral planning.
- **Formation Resources** - Robert Lassalle-Klein conducted a survey during the Seminario on new initiatives. There was great agreement regarding the proposal that the Seminario seek a grant that would:
 - Support online formation programs by providing formation for diocesan personnel and also devices for low-income students in formation programs
 - Create a directory of resources for formation

SUGGESTED THEMES FOR THE 2021 SEMINARIO

- Polarization in the Church and society
- Leadership and ministry formation

EVALUATION

From the 42 participants we received 38 evaluations, a response rate of more than 90%.

- Participants were generally pleased that the Seminario was able to go on virtually, but regretted the lack of networking opportunities.

I found that it was very helpful online, as it was less distracting. Because we don't always see each other, when we are in person, there is usually a lot of people walking in and out, people talking, etc. This made it easier to focus on content. BUT I missed seeing everyone and especially praying together in person. It was a bittersweet experience.
- The presentations of Fr. Allan Deck and Sr. Rosalía Meza received high marks.
- The majority expressed that the prayer experiences were positive, but at the same time we received several practical suggestions.
- Many commented that they would have preferred to have more time to work in small groups.
- A large majority (79%) expressed that the online format allowed us to meet our objectives.
- 40% prefer that the Seminar continue online, more than 37% prefer that it return to its face-to-face format, and more than 22% did not express a preference.

XIV SEMINARIO DATES – July 28-30, 2021, at Christ the King Retreat Center, Citrus Heights, California

Name / Nombre y apellido	Last	(Arch)diocese or Insitute
José A.	Medina	California Catholic Conference
Carlo	Argoti	Coordinator, Music & Liturgy
Rose	Hernández	Fresno Diocese
Benito	Medrano	Fresno Diocese
Diana	Rivas	Fresno Diocese
Dcn. Robert	Lassalle-Klein	Holy Names University
Carmen	Cervantes	Instituto Fe y Vida
Hna. María Teresa	Montes Lara, O.P.	Instituto Hispano, JST of SCU
P. Vicente	Pastro	Instituto Hispano, JST of SCU
Connie	Clough	Las Vegas Diocese
Ana	Ibarra	Las Vegas Diocese
Alberto	Embry	Los Angeles Archdiocese
David	Lara	Los Angeles Archdiocese
Flor de María	Luna	Los Angeles Archdiocese
Hna. Rosalía	Meza, VDMF	Los Angeles Archdiocese
Giovanni	Pérez	Los Angeles Archdiocese
María	Rivera	Los Angeles Archdiocese
Ernesto	Vega	Los Angeles Archdiocese
Douglas E.	Zúñiga	Los Angeles Archdiocese
Lori	Stanley	Loyola Institute for Spirituality
Allan	Figueroa Deck, S.J.	Loyola Marymount University
Marisol	Gaytán Escobar	Loyola Marymount University
Roberto	Hurteau	Loyola Marymount University
Dcn. Leonel	Yoque	Maryknoll Missioners
Socorro	Lagarda-Quiroz	Monterey Diocese
Héctor	Quiroz	Monterey Diocese
Héctor	Medina	Oakland Diocese
Maripaz	Ramos	Reno Diocese
Alejandro	Barraza	Sacramento Diocese
Teresa	Donan	Sacramento Diocese
Lauralyn	Solano	Sacramento Diocese
Dcn. Kevin	Staszkw	Sacramento Diocese
María	Amao	San Bernardino Diocese
María	Covarrubias	San Bernardino Diocese
Steve	Halligan	San Bernardino Diocese
María	Sedano	San Bernardino Diocese
Gerardo	Rojas	San Diego Diocese
Hna. Graciela	Martínez	San Francisco Archdiocese
Irma	Alarcón de Rangel	San José Diocese
Dominador	Bombongan	Stockton Diocese
Graciela	Garza-Ayala	Stockton Diocese
Digna	Ramírez-López	Stockton Diocese