

OFFICE OF HISPANIC MINISTRY – CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JACKSON

School of Ministries / Escuela de Ministerios – North 2012-2013

To Pastors/Lay Ecclesial Ministers

In order to respond to the formational and leadership needs of the Hispanic community in our diocese, in conjunction with **SEPI (Southeast Pastoral Institute)** we will be offering a program of 10 courses over the next year and a half. There is a **minimum of 25 students and a maximum of 40** for this program.

OUTCOMES

Students will have a greater understanding of their faith & deepen their relationship with Christ.

Students will develop a greater self confidence.

Students will be more willing to take on responsibilities in their parish (parish council, catechists, and liturgical ministers)

The courses are: (All this material will be provided in Spanish to the potential participants.)

FORMATION - LEVEL I (In Spanish)

Dates	Place	Course
February 11/12, 2012	St. James, Tupelo	The Mission of a Christian Today (15 hours of class) Overview of the Christian Journey with reference to anthropological foundations, vocations, covenant, ecclesiology and present models for pastoral ministry in context of the national and local Hispanic situation.
April 14/15	St. James, Tupelo	The Bible and Its Pastoral Use (15 hours of class) Revelation of God in the liberating experience of the peoples of Israel (Old Testament), in the experience of the historical Jesus and the risen Christ, expressed in primitive Christian community (New Testament), and developed in the ecclesial community. Interpretation of this experience within the framework of human existence.
June 16/17 2012	St. James, Tupelo	Ecclesiology: the Mission of the Church (15 hours of class) Appropriate ecclesial model according to recent Church documents; its implications for the diversification of ministries toward a church of participation and communion; theological guidelines for ministry; reasons for the development of new ministries and models for restructuring of ministry.
Aug. 11/12, 2012	St. James, Tupelo	Christology: Jesus' Message and Project (15 hours of class) Study of the person of Jesus and his faith community to discover the concrete implications of the following of Jesus today, including an analysis of the lived experience of faith of the Hispanic people.
Oct 13/14, 2012	St. James, Tupelo	History of the Catholic Church in the U.S. (15 hours of class) Roman Catholicism on the USA from its Hispanic roots and indigenous reception; development of evangelization in the southeast; Puritan and non-Catholic traditions influencing its Anglo-Saxon roots; development of Hispanic consciousness and ministry within a growing cultural pluralism in the Church.
February 16/17, 2013	St. James, Tupelo	Pastoral Principles for Hispanic Ministry (15 hours of class) Contemporary problems and methodologies of pastoral theology, and its application in the religious and sociological context of the local Hispanic situation. Review of Church documents pertaining to the evangelization of Hispanics in the U.S.
April 13/14, 2013	St. James, Tupelo	Sacraments and Liturgy (15 hours of class) Sacramental theology and its liturgical implications; special emphasis on liturgical creativity of the sacraments of initiation within the present norms of the Church.
June 15/16, 2013	St. James, Tupelo	Pastoral Methodology (15 hours of class) Focus on response to ministry in the Hispanic community according to the III National Encuentro and the National Pastoral Plan; special emphasis on development of ministerial skills and practical issues for parish and diocesan ministry.
August 17/18, 2013	St. James, Tupelo	Small Ecclesial Communities (15 hours of class) Role of the basic ecclesial community in relation to the ecclesiology of Vatican II. Process and development of these small communities and their relationship to apostolic movements; their missionary and ministerial aspects. An active participatory methodology is an essential element of the course.
October 12/13, 2013	St. James, Tupelo	Techniques of Evangelization (15 hours of class) Scriptural bases of the evangelizing mission of the Church and its historical development. Relationship of Gospel and culture and the faith expressions found in Hispanic spirituality. Special emphasis of guidelines of evangelizing of U.S. Hispanics

Level of Instruction

Participants should be able to read and write and speak Spanish. This is an intermediate level.

The Cost

The cost is \$250 for all ten courses and \$25 for materials. The reason for the low cost is that SEPI is subsidized by 26 diocese in which it works.

Depending on the local reality a parish may wish to subsidize the entire amount (not recommended) or partially. A parish may provide the cost up front, with the expectation that the individual will pay back over a period of time.

PAYMENT DUE

Plan A. Tuition \$250 and materials \$25 **total \$275 due January 10, 2012**

Plan B. First payment-tuition \$125 and materials \$15 **\$140 due January 10, 2012**

Second payment- tuition \$125 and \$10 materials **\$135 due February 1, 2013**

Time Commitment

For some it will be difficult to "give up" a Saturday & Sunday. A course will be offered approximately every two months. There will be time for most to arrange schedules (work, children, etc.). Students are expected to complete all ten courses. If a student misses a class the class must be made up by internet for an additional fee. Students will receive a certificate from the Southeast Pastoral Institute and the Diocese of Jackson.

On Saturdays the courses will be 8:00am to 5:00

On Sundays the courses will be 8:00am to 1:30

Travel/Lodging

If a person is traveling to the course site and is need of lodging this is the responsibility of the individual.

Childcare: Not provided

Food: Participants are expected too bring their own food and may wish to bring extra to share..

Payment

Check or money order to: Office of Hispanic Ministry

Send to: Office of Hispanic Ministry
237 E. Amite St.
Jackson, MS 39201

More details. ¿Questions? Call Br. Ted 601-949-6931 (office)

Thank you.