



4 Tips for Hispanic/Latino Pastoral Ministry in Times of Crisis

1. Encounter Jesus

- a. Reach out to your pastoral leaders and parishioners to lead prayer during the week by a video or phone call (The Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, Novena to our Lady of Guadalupe, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, etc.)
- b. Share broadcasts of the daily Mass led by your bishop or the Holy Father
- c. Schedule an online retreat (one or two hours maximum) to listen to your people and strengthen them in the Word of the Lord

2. Accompany Others

- a. Convene once-a-week video meetings where you and pastoral leaders can talk about challenges, ask questions, and give possible solutions
- b. Share [the readings for the day](#) and a reflection from a trustworthy source. Invite the community to send their prayers intentions
- c. Develop formation [resources](#) (written and online) for pastoral leaders, young people, and families. Share them through social media and the parish website

3. Bear Fruit

- a. Involve all pastoral leaders, parish ministries, and parishioners in addressing the most pressing needs
- b. Create a ministry that addresses the needs of the community, especially the most vulnerable. Connect people, help each other, look for resources in the community
- c. Participate in and share what you learn from webinars and other online resources that Catholic institutions and organizations are offering

4. Be Missionary Disciples

- a. Remember that the parish is a “field hospital”; talk with someone about your feelings, your needs; then listen to the needs of others and offer your help
- b. Keep offering faith formation and leadership development virtually; be creative in providing new opportunities and don't be afraid to explore and try new methods
- c. Update your pastoral leaders and community on the current state of the parish; be honest and let others know what support is needed; involve all pastoral leaders and parishioners in taking responsibility for providing resources and best practices