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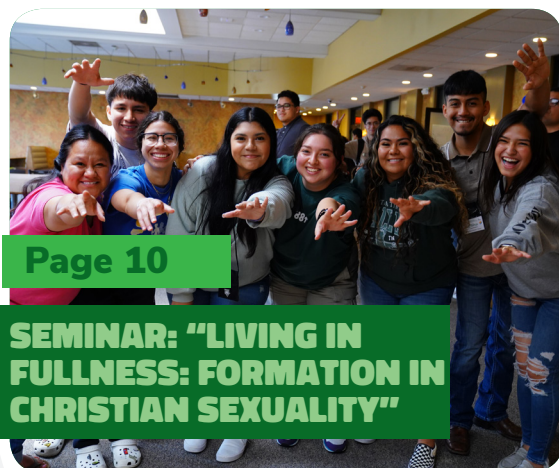
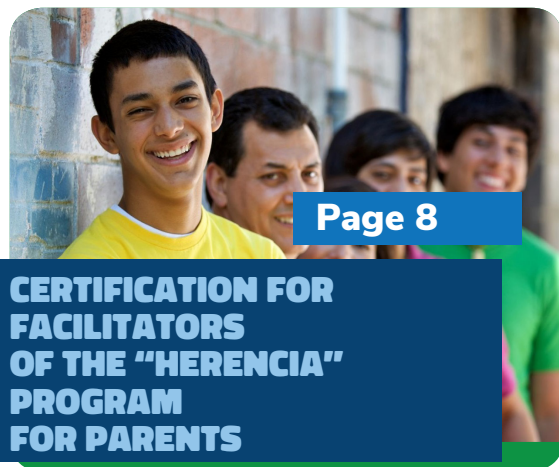
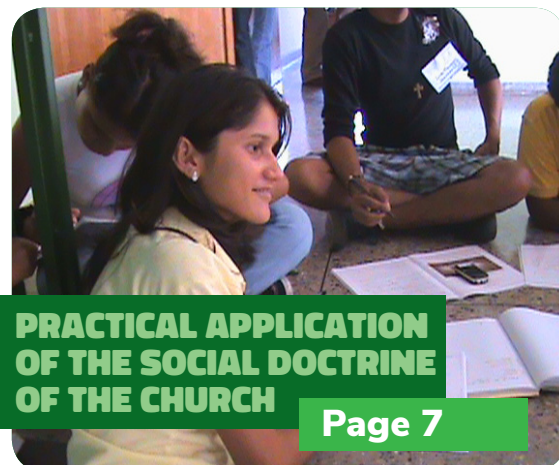
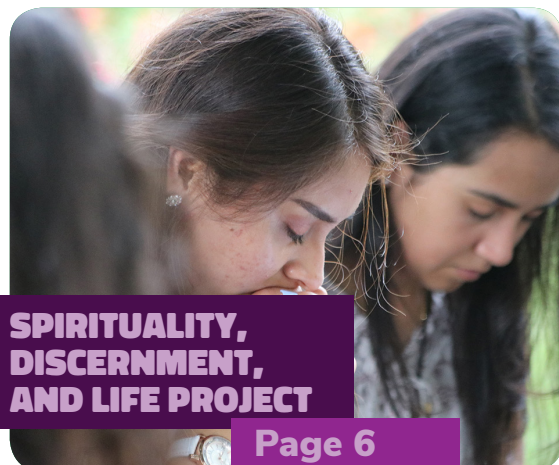
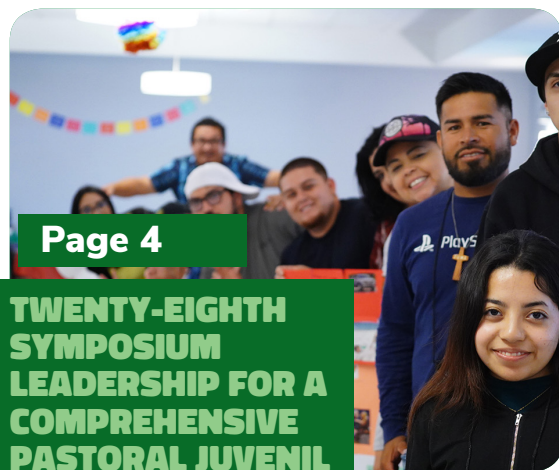
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NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

JUNE 16-22, 2024

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DEAR YOUTH LEADERS, PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS.

It is with immense joy that I invite you to Instituto Fe y Vida's next National Leadership Program-PNL 2024. At the same time, Fe y Vida invites you to join us as we celebrate 30 years of serving and forming the youth and leadership of the Catholic Church in the United States and Latin America. PNL (by its Spanish acronym) is an opportunity for training at the university level and for practical training for parish and diocesan leaders in Youth Ministry, Hispanic Ministry and Family Ministry.

The programs are led by experts, who, through prayer, presentations, community processes and personal reflection, help participants to embody the theme of the program in their life and pastoral action. This year in our National Leadership Program, we are making history, not only because of our 30th Anniversary, but also because we are offering eight Training Seminars, including:

1. National Symposium on Leadership and the Prophets of Hope Model, which we offer every year for the formation of young people and pastoral care workers with adolescents and young adults.
2. Spirituality, Discernment, Life Project and Personal Improvement
3. Certification for Pastoral Counselors with Adolescents
4. Practical Application of Church Social Doctrine
5. Certification for Parent and School Facilitators using the program "Herencia"
6. Digital Evangelization
7. Inner Healing Retreat: The Way of the Heart
8. Training to Understand and Live Christian Sexuality.

This year, Instituto Fe y Vida offers many formation options to choose from depending on the needs of your Youth Ministry or Family Ministry. We encourage them to participate and make history by becoming the Prophets of Hope that the Catholic Church needs to evangelize Hispanic/Latino youth and their families.

We look forward to welcoming you with great joy and hope.

Ricardo Veloz
Director de Programas
Instituto Fe y Vida

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SYMPOSIUM LEADERSHIP FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PASTORAL JUVENIL

The Symposium is a one-week intensive experience during which the participants become familiar in theory and practice with the eight components of the Prophets of Hope model. This Model was designed by Instituto Fe y Vida in order to provide a pastoral-theological framework to guide the pastoral action of young leaders in their communitarian, evangelizing, and missionary efforts among their peers.

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GOAL:

To acquire a broadened vision—supported by processes, techniques, and resources—for the evangelization, faith formation, and pastoral care of Hispanic young people.



Objectives

- To bring to the community the necessary components to start, continue, or boost a comprehensive *pastoral juvenil* that responds to the present situation of the U.S. Catholic Church and society.
- To acquire skills for a shared, active, and responsible leadership in a communitarian context, whether in a youth group, a small community, or an apostolic movement.
- To prepare for evangelizing and missionary pastoral action, setting the foundations for a more advanced formation.

Topics

- Analysis of the reality of Latino youth and young adults in the United States
- Self-knowledge and personal communication
- Interpersonal relationships within the community
- The Church as a community of communities
- To be Christian means to know and follow Jesus
- Formation and growth process as Church
- Leadership and service in a communitarian ministry
- Application of the Symposium experience to ministerial practice at the local level



CERTIFICATION FOR ADVISERS OF MINISTRY WITH HISPANIC TEENS

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GOAL:

To obtain theoretical and practical formation on the principles, components, methodology and topics that help in the organization, process and development of ministry with Hispanic teens.

This course is offered for people at least twenty-five years old who wish to accompany, advise and guide parish groups, leaders and teens. The course focuses on the personal growth and faith process of teens. It contains a series of topics that offer theory, experiences and recommendations to be implemented according to the reality of the parish or organization. The topics are based on the teachings and pastoral guidance of the Church, following Jesus as a model.

Objectives

- To become familiar with the psychological, social and pastoral reality of Hispanic teens.
- To learn about the theological and organizational principles of ministry with Hispanic teens.
- To discover the vocation of being co-responsible and committed advisers willing to listen, guide, advise and accompany teens.
- To recognize the importance and fulfill the responsibilities that come with ministry with Hispanic teens, as well as to collaborate with parish leaders by promoting pastoral de conjunto (co-responsible collaboration and coordination).
- To acquire the fundamental knowledge and lay the foundations to implement a ministry with Hispanic teens in parishes.



SPIRITUALITY, DISCERNMENT, AND LIFE PROJECT

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GOAL:

Explore and deepen the knowledge about oneself, Christian spirituality, and the basics of discernment to undertake a coherent life plan.

a. Personal Knowledge - BEING AND SEEING

- Grow in the discovery and healing of one's personal journey.
- Deepen in the knowledge of the personal maturity and cultural identity processes.
- Integrate the personal history and personality traits as basic elements in the development of one's lifeplan.

c. Life Plan - ACT

- Get familiar with Jesus' life plan.
- Promote a personal and communitarian encounter with Jesus Christ.
- Know the principles and criteria for developing a sound life plan.

b. Spirituality and Discernment - JUDGING

- Understand what Christian spirituality is and explore the various schools of spirituality.
- Deepen the relationship with God through the pathways offered by Christian spirituality.
- Identify the sources that nourish spirituality and help grow in relationship with God.
- Understand and value the elements for discernment in daily life and when making crucial decisions in life.

d. Spiritual Growth -CELEBRATE

- Carry out a spiritual retreat as part of the formation journey.

Topics

- Personal history and personality traits
- Vulnerability and resilience
- Christian spirituality, and schools and sources that nourish it
- What is spiritual discernment? How does it help to develop a life plan?
- Jesus' life plan and one's personal life plan



PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

In this practical course, participants will have the opportunity to learn the fundamental principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church in order to integrate them into their lives and their ministries in *Pastoral Juvenil*. The course will offer tools to lead a life aligned with the principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church in the environments in which they work with young people. The course will seek to provide practical guidance that enlightens young people in their integral development as ecclesial leaders.

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GOAL

To help young people learn about the fundamental principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church and integrate them into their lives and environments in order to promote a more just and compassionate world.

Objectives

- To learn about and understand the fundamental principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church.
- To reflect on the way in which we can apply the Social Doctrine of the Church to daily life and to *Pastoral Juvenil*.
- To develop ethical and critical thinking skills in order to analyze real-world situations from the ethical perspective of the Social Doctrine of the Church.
- To commit to promoting collaboration and social involvement in youth environments.

What skills will be acquired by taking the Practical Application of the Social Doctrine of the Church Seminar?

- Applying the principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church in practical ways to daily life.
- Integrating your faith and social justice, especially in the context of *Pastoral Juvenil*.
- Thinking critically and ethically when evaluating real situations.
- Collaborating effectively through group activities and participating in constructive discussions.
- Engaging actively in charity, advocacy and community service, generating a positive impact in the community.



CERTIFICATION FOR FACILITATORS OF THE "HERENCIA" PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

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GOAL

Train participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to use the "program" to guide parents in their communities, in the mission of educating their children in values and leadership attitudes, strengthening their children, in a spirituality, and character that helps them face today's world.

This course offers the opportunity to form leaders whose mission is to strengthen families and train parents as the first evangelizers of the home according to God's plan. A special emphasis will be placed on the "Herencia" (Heritage) program, which seeks to train participants with the necessary knowledge to guide parents in an education in love, responsibly and attentive to the teachings of our Church.

Objectives:

- To offer participants specific content from the HERENCIA program to educate today's children based on the theories of modern psychology so that they can replicate these models in their parish communities.
- To develop educational activities and materials that facilitate the process of involvement and participation of families in learning processes and behavioral changes, according to their social and cultural realities.
- To raise awareness among leaders who receive this training about the need to educate themselves on the evangelical, biblical and doctrinal principles and values that can guide families and parents in the formation of their children.
- To reflect on the challenges that families face today regarding the high rate of divorce, depression and suicide attempts among teens, the loss of values and respect in modern young people, drugs, gangs and the different manifestations of sexuality.

Requirements

- Participants must be adults at least 25 years of age.
- Preferably parents. Priests, Religious.
- Persons interested in implementing the School for Parents in their parishes or Catholic schools.



DIGITAL EVANGELIZATION

This course offers practical guidance on the use of the different digital resources that exist online and how to use them in evangelization and in our ministries within *Pastoral Juvenil*. The course promotes creativity and the opportunity to incorporate social networks and other digital media for building the Reign of God.

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GOAL:

To take advantage of the digital tools that exist in our environment for the evangelization of young people and experience God's call by using these resources in a responsible and effective way in building the Reign of God.

Objectives:

- To discover a vocation as a missionary in the digital age from a biblical, theological and pastoral perspective.
- To learn about the resources that Pope Francis uses, as well as other social networks that are dedicated to evangelization.
- To develop critical thinking and other skills that are necessary in the field of digital evangelization.
- To commit to planning and developing a pastoral communication plan in local and diocesan *Pastoral Juvenil*.

Topics

- Being a Digital Evangelizer.
- Towards the Human and Christian Maturity of the Evangelizer.
- Pastoral Communications.
- Digital Media and Tools for Evangelization.

Requirements:

- Basic skills and abilities in the use of technology
- Knowledge and use of social networks
- Bring laptop and/or smartphone



SEMINAR: "LIVING IN FULLNESS: FORMATION IN CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY"

This course offers an overview of human sexuality, in accordance with the doctrine of the Catholic Church. Sexuality is presented as a human value and a gift that God offers us to experience it with gratuitousness, respect and love. Participants will acquire fundamental knowledge about the importance of purity, chastity and dignity of the body. This will enable them to transmit these concepts and ethical principles to others, and will allow them to guide those around them in living a sexuality that is aligned with Christian values.

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GOAL:

To cultivate a sacred and profound understanding of sexuality as a divine gift that must be lived consciously and virtuously in harmony with Christian faith and human dignity.

Objectives

- To train pastoral agents, parents and young people in the understanding and experience of human sexuality according to the fundamental principles of the Catholic Church and promote comprehensive formation that strengthens ethical and moral values.
- To facilitate people's deep understanding of the relevance of sexuality in the context of their identity as human beings created in the image of God; recognizing the intrinsic meaning of the person.
- To offer resources to train parents in a formation in sexuality that contributes to their personal development, strengthens their marital relationship and provides them with tools to educate their children.
- To promote the virtue of purity and chastity as essential elements in the Christian life.

Topics

- Understanding and experiencing human sexuality according to the fundamental principles of the Catholic Church.
- Comprehensive formation that strengthens ethical and moral values.
- Deeper understanding of the relevance of sexuality in the context of people's identity as human beings created in the image of God.
- Training for parents in formation in sexuality that contributes to their personal and family development.
- The virtue of purity and chastity as essential elements in the Christian life.
- Elements of God's plan in a healthy dating relationship.



INNER HEALING RETREAT: EL CAMINO DEL CORAZÓN [THE WAY OF THE HEART]

In this retreat, participants will have the opportunity to experience a process of personal healing that helps them face the past and present of their lives, manage areas of personal conflict, look to the future, and accept the gifts they have received from God for building the Reign of God. This process will help them to discern and respond to God's call in their lives and to experience the way of the heart.

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GOAL:

To carry out an intense and profound process that leads to healing the conflictive events that have accumulated throughout life, in order to discern and respond to the baptismal call and personal mission.

Objectives

- To discover those aspects of life that have not yet been able to be solved or managed adequately.
- To face emotions and what they say about the past and present.
- To open a larger space for God to manifest himself in their lives, create relationships with other people that help them discover God in their lives and acquire tools that help them achieve this.
- To commit to experiencing forgiveness and reconciliation with God, with their neighbors and with themselves so that they can live a fuller life in accordance with God's plan.

Topics

- Perspectives on Life
- The Voice of God Within
- Emotions
- Humanity and Divinity
- Healthy Relationships
- Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- Some Tools to Heal the Wounds, Pains and Disappointments of Life
- Practical Application of Healthy Spirituality



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INSTITUTO FE Y VIDA OFFERS EIGHT INTENSIVE PASTORAL FORMATION PROGRAMS

Formation Sponsors

I am seeking support to help me cover the expenses of participating in Instituto Fe y Vida's 2024 National Catholic Leadership Program at Lewis University, Romeoville, IL. The total cost for this week long program is \$1,115.00, plus the cost of travel. I am contributing financially as well.

Knowing how important it is to have a solid formation in our faith and to grow as a committed Catholic community, I have decided to participate in this leadership formation program. Through the program, I will prepare myself to better serve my community and my parish/diocese. During the opening and closing liturgies, all Sponsors will be remembered in a special way.

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Thank you very much, and may God bless you!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

I. AGE AND LANGUAGE

The National Catholic Leadership Program is designed for persons 18 years of age and older. No one under 18 will be accepted.

The process, presentations, and materials are in Spanish, except for the programs marked "bilingual". Participants may express themselves in English or Spanish. Some communities use Spanish, others English, and still others do their work bilingually.

II. REGISTRATION

Max 100 participants in the Symposium and 40/each in the other programs
ONLINE: Register through our website www.feyvida.org (Pay with a credit card)

OTHER METHODS: Contact Alex Sanchez asanchez@feyvida.org

A. Registration (\$100 non-refundable per person)

- Early registration (by Apr 30): **\$550** Register early and save!
- Regular registration (by May 10): **\$580**
- Late registration (after May 10): **\$620**

B. Room and Board

Housing begins from the night of Sunday June 16th until noon on Saturday, June 22nd. Food includes three meals a day, starting with supper on Sunday, June 16th until lunch on Saturday, June 22.

- Double occupancy, shared bathroom **\$565** per person
- Single occupancy, shared bathroom **\$665**

C. Group registration (two or more persons)

In order to encourage the participation of several participants from the same institution (i.e., parish, or arch/diocese), the following discounts are offered:

- Group of 2, **\$100** discount (2 people X \$50 discount each)
- Group of 3, **\$200** discount (3 people X \$66 discount each)
- Group of 4, **\$300** discount (4 people X \$75 discount each)

NOTE: If making the individual or group payment by check, you can make it payable to Instituto Fe y Vida, 1 University Parkway Unit 1226, Romeoville, IL 60446

III. LOCATION AND SCHEDULE OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAM

The National Catholic Leadership Program will be held at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL (www.lewis.edu). O'Hare Airport (www.airport-ohare.com), is located 35 miles from the University. Midway Airport (www.flychicago.com/midway), is 26 miles away. Uber or AmericanCoach Limousine (www.americancoachlimousine.com), tel: 888-201-7183.

Registration: Sunday, June 16, 3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

Closing Mass: Saturday, June 22, 12:00 P.M.

IV. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Some partial registration scholarships are available. Please write to Juan Escarfuller, jescarfuller@feyvida.org with your name, address, phone, and email explaining which program you would like to attend, your pastoral experience, and the reason you need financial support.

Deadline: May 10th, 2024.