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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## DEAR PASTORAL LEADERS, MINISTERS, AND FRIENDS,

It is with great joy that we invite you to be part of the 2025 National Catholic Leadership Program, a transformative experience dedicated to the training and empowerment of pastoral leaders and young people who serve our Hispanic community. This program, which will take place from June 22 to June 28, 2025, at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL, offers a unique opportunity to deepen your knowledge, strengthen your ministry, and renew your commitment to serving the Church with passion and purpose.

For many years, Fe y Vida has been dedicated to training leaders who accompany young people and families on their journey of faith and growth. In response to the urgent pastoral needs of our time, we have designed five dynamic and informative seminars that will provide you with practical tools, theological insights, and ministerial strategies to enhance your service in Ministry with Young Adult and Teens, Ministry of Music, and Ministry of Healing and Mental Health.

Each of these specialized seminars is designed to support the Church's mission in evangelization, discipleship, and pastoral accompaniment, helping you effectively respond to the realities of today's youth, families, and Hispanic communities.

We encourage you to seize this training opportunity, whether you serve as a youth minister, lay leader, parent, musician, religious, or priest. Your role in the Church is vital, and through this intensive week of training, you will not only acquire new skills but also connect with a network of passionate leaders working to build a more vibrant, missionary, and inclusive Church.

We look forward to welcoming you to a week of learning, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. May this journey strengthen your mission and inspire your work as Prophets of Hope in your communities! Register today and be part of this transformative experience! Blessings and gratitude,

Juan Escarfuller  
Executive Director, Instituto Fe y Vida

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**Facilitators:****Dania Sanchez****Juan Manuel Hernandez,  
FSC**

# 29TH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM FOR INTEGRAL YOUTH MINISTRY

To offer a formation process with the pastoral theological model "Prophets of Hope" that provides the participant with a vision of Hispanic Ministry with youth, a comprehensive community experience and a faith experience.

## Objectives

- To provide a theoretical, methodological and experiential formation for evangelization and integral faith formation to youth leaders and adult advisors for the Hispanic Youth Ministry.
- To offer participants an experience of Pastoral Juvenil in small communities, with shared leadership.
- To create spaces and opportunities for participants to share their experience, vision and challenges in pastoral with youth, and to form a network of support among them.
- Promote pastoral de conjunto at all levels within the Hispanic community and with other ethnic or cultural groups.
- Recognize the reality, identity and experience of the current Hispanic youth fedel within the Church in the United States.
- To offer an experience of encounter with Jesus through the Word of God, personal and communal prayer.

## Topics

- Analysis of the Hispanic youth reality in the U.S.
- Comprehensive pastoral approach to evangelize, form in faith, and train leaders
- Tools to begin or strengthen Youth Ministry in the U.S.
- Missionary discipleship
- The Church: a community of communities
- Shared leadership
- Foundations for advanced and in-depth formation
- Practical application of the Symposium.

**Facilitators:****Javier Castillo****Antonio Medina,  
PhD**

# TRAINING FOR PASTORAL ADVISORS FOR ADOLESCENTS

**Module 2**

This specialized training for those over 25 years of age trains to accompany, advise and guide Hispanic adolescents, parish groups and youth ministry leaders in their journey of faith. It offers theoretical foundations, practical methodologies, and applications to strengthen ministry with adolescents.

**Objectives:**

- Explore the essence of Christian spirituality—its meaning and characteristics—especially in the context of faith development during adolescence.
- Acquire basic knowledge in Catholic counseling and spiritual accompaniment to respond with empathy and compassion to the challenges faced by youth.
- Understand the principles and benefits of Christian coaching as a tool to build trust with adolescents and guide them on their journey of faith.
- Deepen the understanding of evangelization in the life of the Church and develop effective methods to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to young people.
- Design a well-structured training program by selecting the most appropriate pastoral model for the needs of the parish and the youth community.

**Topics**

- Christian spirituality and the characteristics of faith
- Catholic mentoring and spiritual guidance
- The benefits of Christian coaching
- Evangelizing adolescents
- Designing an excellent formation program
- Catholic foundations for retreats



**Facilitators:**



**Irene Veloz**  
**Ricardo Veloz**



## **TRAINING SEMINAR FOR FACILITATORS OF THE RESPETO AND HERENCIA PROGRAMS**

It is an intensive training, designed for adult leaders who want to accompany and guide Hispanic youth and parents in their journey of faith. It provides the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to effectively implement: RESPETO, a post-confirmation leadership program for teens, and HERENCIA, a parent formation program, which strengthens their role as their children's first educators in faith and values.

- **RESPETO:** A post-Confirmation leadership program for adolescents.
- **HERENCIA:** A training program for parents that strengthens their

Through dynamic theoretical sessions, interactive workshops, and practical applications, participants will be equipped to form, advise, and empower both youth and parents, promoting their spiritual and personal growth within their communities. This seminar is ideal for young adults (25+ years) interested in serving as youth mentors or advisors; parents or adult leaders keen on supporting faith-based youth groups; couples or parents wishing to establish a Parent School in their community; and priests and religious involved in faith formation processes for youth and families.

### **Objectives:**

- Empower parents as leaders in faith and family, reinforcing the idea that the home is the first Church where faith and values are nurtured.
- Provide parents with specialized training in modern parenting strategies based on psychological theories and Catholic values, enabling them to effectively guide their children and replicate these models in their parish communities.
- Develop dynamic activities and educational materials that facilitate family engagement in learning and behavior transformation, ensuring that the training aligns with their social and cultural realities.
- Foster a renewed commitment to the Gospel among leaders by emphasizing biblical principles, Catholic doctrine, and the Church's teachings on the pivotal role of parents in the moral and spiritual formation of their children.
- Address urgent moral and social issues affecting today's families, including high rates of divorce, adolescent depression and suicide, loss of values, substance abuse, gang violence, and the growing influence of ideologies that disrupt family dynamics.

**Facilitators:**

**Francisco  
"Pacho" Bermeo**



**Fabrizio  
Catenassi**



**Ziza Fernandes**



**Pablo Martinez**



**Juan Delgado**

# MUSICIANS FOR A CHURCH WHICH GOES FORTH



It offers a transformative space for musicians to reflect, grow, and refine their role within a synodal Church on mission through a theological, pastoral, and artistic perspective to become instruments of evangelization, hope, and service.

## Objectives:

- Deepen understanding of music as a vehicle for a synodal Church, emphasizing its role in evangelization and in strengthening community spirituality.
- Guide participants in the personal discernment of their vocation, helping them integrate their identity as disciples, artists, and ministers in the service of the Gospel.
- Provide technical, pastoral, and personal training to refine their musical gifts, enabling them to better meet the needs of the faith communities they serve.
- Cultivate spaces for dialogue and collaboration, promoting a shared vision of musical ministry rooted in mission, fellowship, and co-responsibility.

## Topics

- Spirituality of the musician
- Music in the life of Israel
- Music therapy intervention
- The person of the musician
- Fundamentals of music production
- The Word of God in the life of the musician
- The wholeness of an artist
- Disciples before musicians

## Facilitators:



**Ferney Ramírez**



**Lupita Venegas**

# UNDERSTANDING... TO HEAL – PASTORAL MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

It is designed to empower pastoral leaders, priests, religious and lay ministers, providing them with the knowledge, skills and tools necessary to create safe spaces of reflection, support and healing within their communities.

## Objectives:

- Provide participants with specialized training in mental health care and early intervention, enabling them to prevent and bolster the emotional well-being of families—especially adolescents and young people within the parish community.
- Deepen the understanding and practical application of techniques and strategies for managing anger, coping with depressive thoughts, and controlling anxiety, stress, and other psychological challenges faced by young people.
- Equip leaders with educational tools, resources, and activities that facilitate family engagement in mental health awareness and behavior change, thereby helping to develop community programs focused on mental health prevention for both youth and adults.
- Raise awareness among pastoral leaders about the extraordinary role of faith in emotional healing—addressing childhood wounds, restoring a positive and hopeful mindset, and empowering individuals for action. The seminar emphasizes the importance of an authentic relationship with God, promoting a deeper, more fruitful prayer life as a means to face modern challenges.
- Reflect from both a moral and scientific perspective on the critical issues affecting today's families, including high rates of divorce, adolescent depression and suicide, loss of values and respect among youth, substance abuse, gang involvement, and the influence of modern cultural trends on identity and sexuality.

## Topics

- Mental health care and early intervention
- Preventive techniques and strategies for managing anger, depression, anxiety, and stress
- Educational tools, resources, and activities for mental health awareness
- The role of faith in emotional healing
- Moral and scientific perspectives on intrafamilial issues



# INSTITUTO FE Y VIDA OFFERS FIVE INTENSIVE PASTORAL FORMATION PROGRAMS

## Formation Sponsors

I am seeking support to help me cover the expenses of participating in Instituto Fe y Vida's 2025 National Catholic Leadership Program at Lewis University, Romeoville, IL. The total cost for this week long program is \$1,065.00, 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.

Name	Intention for the Mass	Amount
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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

**ONLINE:** Register through our website [www.feyvida.org](http://www.feyvida.org) (Pay with a credit card)

**OTHER METHODS:** Contact Leonardo Mongui: [lmongui@feyvida.org](mailto:lmongui@feyvida.org)

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

Regular registration (by May 30): **\$500**

Registration closes on May 30, however, if you are still interested, you can contact [lmongui@feyvida.org](mailto:lmongui@feyvida.org) for availability.

### B. Room and Board

Housing begins from the night of Sunday June 22 until noon on Saturday, June 28nd. Food includes three meals a day, starting with supper on Sunday, June 22 until lunch on Saturday, June 28.

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

We encourage you to bring your own towel, pillows, and bed linens. If you would like Fe y Vida to provide these for you, a linen fee of \$50.00 per person applies. You may choose to keep the linens or donate them at the end of the program.

## III. LOCATION AND SCHEDULE OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAM

The National Catholic Leadership Program will be held at [Lewis University](#) in Romeoville, IL. [O'Hare Airport](#), is located 35 miles from the University. [Midway Airport](#), is 26 miles away. Uber or [AmericanCoach Limousine](#), tel: 888-201-7183.

**Registration:** Sunday, June 22, 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

**Closing Mass:** Saturday, June 28 12:00 P.M.

## IV. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you are interested in financial assistance, you can [apply here](#)

**Deadline: April 15th, 2025.**

[Click Here for Registration](#)

**Register**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact to:**

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