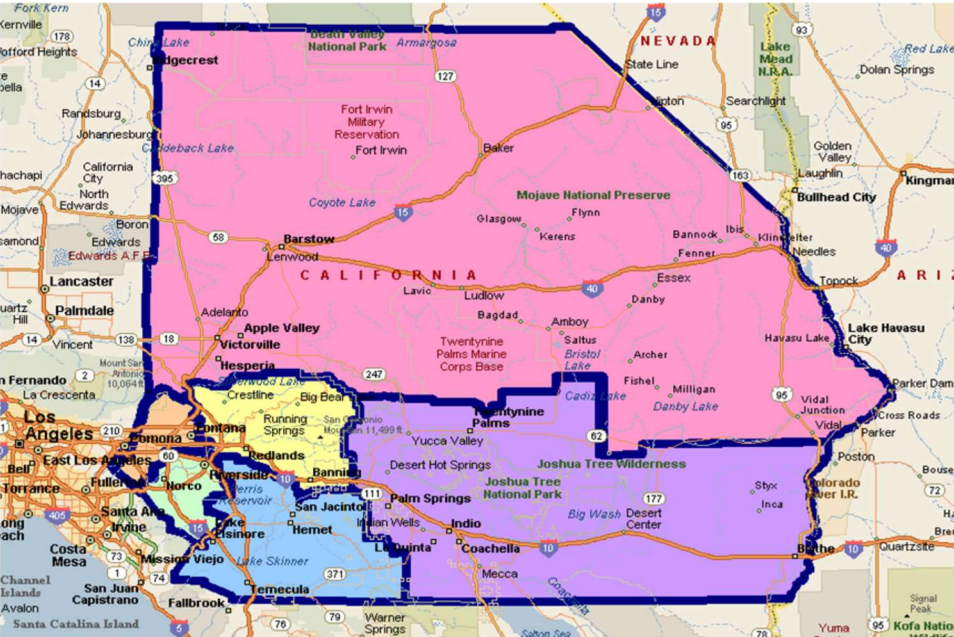


Something else we need to know as delegates of the Diocese of San Bernardino to the Region XI V Encuentro meeting

The Diocese has 6 vicariates and 92 parishes. Is divided in two regions, 3 vicariates in Riverside county, Hemet, Riverside and Low Desert, and 3 vicariates in San Bernardino county, High Desert, San Bernardino and West End.



The Nicaraguan community celebrated with great joy on December 8, the feast of their patroness, the Immaculate Conception a first diocesan Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish in Colton. Congratulations! Some Nicaraguans are participants on the diocesan process of V Encuentro



TOWARD THE REGIONAL ENCUESTRO

DECEMBER 2017



DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

KNOW & REMEMBER, THE DIOCESAN CARE VALUE OF FAITH SHARING

Affirming our faith life together - Mutual spiritual growth.
Be filled with gospel values -Shared prayer and worship

What I mean is that both you and I will be helped at the same time, you by my faith and I by yours . Rom 11-12

CONTINUING THE MISSION

Merry Christmas and best wishes and blessings to all of you for the year 2018. Our parishes have been celebrating the Advent Days of Reconciliation, and Our Mother on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the Feast of Mary of Guadalupe. May this Christmas be blessed by God with an end to the danger of the fires in Southern California. As **Missionary Disciples** let's find ways to help and support those in the peripheries who have been affected, and ease the fears of our children and elderly people, and of the homeless who live around us.



Pope Francis says that the Gospel invites us to **take the first step**, by striving to be the first to experience the grace of "**Christ With Us**", the first to help others to overcome their fears, to bring the good news, and to put our gifts to service, and our Bishop Barnes reminds us that **to be missionaries is part of our vocation**. He asked us to pray and prepare ourselves to approach the other by being honest and true to ourselves.

ATTENTION REGIONAL DELEGATES: We have start to receive the signed commitment and the first \$50 personal payment from delegates who have been confirmed by the parish. They must arrive together. Please talk with the V Encuentro Coordinator to be certain you are one of the elect delegates before you send both to us. Checks are to be to Diocese of San Bernardino, ATTE: Regional V Encuentro, and to be sent with commitments to Sr. Marilu Covani, S.P. V Encuentro Coordinator.

OUR NEXT "DELEGATES ONLY" MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 AT THE DPC FROM 6 PM TO 9:30 PM. Assistance is required, we are going to inform you of many details, please do your best to come and RSVP if you can't come.

TOWARD THE REGIONAL

These were the three priorities English Speakers choose for diocesan planning in our Diocesan Encuentro.

- 1. Understanding of faith, Church teachings and traditions.
- 2. Welcoming and better hospitality.
- 3. Programs/services for inmates and their families.

You may reflect if they are similar or different to the response of the other groups?

As a team, you may look also at the priorities that the Spanish speakers and the Young Adults offered in their working documents.

Their three diocesan priorities will be in the January bulletin.



Make us all missionary disciples, and stay with us always, as we seek to share the joy of the Gospel with people of all generations, from every race, language, culture, and nation.

— V ENCUESTRO OF PASTORAL HISPANA/LATINA

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ABOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, from the Young Adults and Youth Office.

The call to missionary discipleship is alive in the young people in our diocese. We often hear and say that the youth are the future of our church. Nevertheless, we must remember that they are already part of our church. The young people are the present of our church. They are already empowering and transforming their communities.

During Thanksgiving, some Parish Youth Ministers leaded solidarity efforts. Under the leadership of John Valdez, Youth Ministry Coordinator from the parish Christ the Redeemer in Grand Terrace, some youth walked their neighborhood asking door by door for imperishable food for families in need. They turned them in to Helping Hands organization.

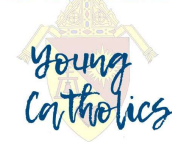
Another witness of God's love in our diocese being manifested through the actions of young people is the parish of St. Catherine of Alexandria. The parish youth and members from the young adults' ministry, ELEVATE, collected food and put together food baskets. Katherine Aguilar, Youth Minister shares that:



"On a small scale we were able to provide for 500 families with Thanksgiving dinner. Ultimately, I hope that this experience inspires our youth to become adults that truly learn how to live out their catholic faith in their future vocations and professions."

These young people are not afraid to put their faith in action. Sharing our faith values through acts of mercy is part of our identity as **missionary disciples**.

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May the Lord continue blessing and strengthening our Youth and Young Adult Ministers.

