



## OFICINA REGIONAL DEL SURESTE PARA EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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Dear Bishop:

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am sure you are aware of the growing Hispanic presence in our midst. I am reading this as a real sign of our times.

Enclosed is all the information regarding our **course *Immersion in Spanish Language and Culture*** that we are offering in the **Summer of 2012 (June 3 -21, 2012)**.

As you know, Bishop, this course is **especially designed** to help those **persons** that are **involved in the Hispanic Ministry**. It is not exclusively focused on our language, but also on our culture in general: **daily prayer and Eucharist will be in Spanish**, we will have films, panel discussions, guest speakers from the major Hispanic groups, visits to Hispanic family homes, and also, we will have time to celebrate Spanish style *fiestas*.

Once again I am counting on you to encourage people in your diocese who minister to **Hispanics**, to participate in our three week program in the **Summer of 2012**. I am sure that after spending that time with us at SEPI, they will be better prepared to serve the needs of those they minister to.

Bishop, I am grateful for your ever present support and cooperation. May God bless you abundantly and may He grant you peace.

In His love, I am

Gratefully yours,

Rev. Rafael Capó, Sch.P.  
 Director

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This three week course has been designed especially for priests, laity, religious, and all those persons who have an interest in Hispanic people and Hispanic ministry.

Our program provides the student with the necessary skills to communicate in Spanish, a knowledge of the Hispanic environment in daily life situations, and a pastoral dimension geared toward the Hispanic ministry.

The course follows a psycho-generative methodology successfully used during the last thirty years, accompanied by a team-teaching learning approach. The vocabulary is selected on the basis of the need for every day conversation and for pastoral work with Hispanics.

The various cultural experiences as well as our daily prayers and Eucharist are an integral part of the course. The cultural presentations pay special attention to four of the largest Hispanic groups living in the U.S.: the Mexican Americans, the Colombians the Cubans, and the Nicaraguans. Also, we discuss the Hispanic presence in our country and how the Hispanic Apostolate has developed over the years within the life of the Church.

### Facilities:

This course will be held at  
Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI)  
7700 SW 56 ST  
MIAMI, FL 33155

### The teacher:

Juan Jose Rodriguez who has been teaching this course since 1997, is a graduate from Havana University and worked as a language professor at the St. Charles and St. Ambrose Catholic Seminary in Havana for eight years.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

June 3-21, 2012

### Dates: The course begins

June 3, 2012  
with an orientation  
session at 7:00 pm and ends  
June 21, 2012 at 4:00 pm

### COST: \$50.00 Non-refundable registration fee

\$450.00 Tuition and cultural presentation  
\$80.00 Books  
\$1,415.00 Room and board  
\$1995.00 TOTAL  
(Day students: \$995.00)

### Registration deadline: May 18, 2012

Due to the nature of this experience, we strongly recommend that participants live on campus during the entire program.

## PROGRAM

Daily Schedule Monday through Friday	
8:30 am -11:30 am	Prayer/class
12:00 to 12:30 pm	Liturgy in Spanish
12:30 to 2:00 pm	Lunch & rest
2:00 - 4:30 pm	Class/prayer
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 - 8:15 pm	Cultural presentation

- ◆ The student will reach a good level of communication through the acquisition of the basic language skills: listening, writing, speaking and reading.
- ◆ The classes will follow a psycho generative method and a team-teaching learning approach.
- ◆ The vocabulary is selected on the basis of the need for daily life conversation and pastoral work with the Hispanic people.
- ◆ The course is recommended for beginners.

### Comments by former students

"The immersion accomplished its desired effect: good introduction to the language, appreciation of culture and of goals for Hispanic Ministry"

John Favalora  
Archbishop of Miami, Florida

"It's hard for me to believe but I have experienced the presence of Church in another language"

Timothy Arsenault, TOR  
Winter Park, Florida

My goal in coming to this three- weeks course in Spanish language and culture was to learn to read and write Spanish well enough to say Mass for the growing number of Hispanics in my diocese. Not only did I reach my goal but I gained so much more knowledge about the cultures I serve. Bishops, as well as priests and lay persons will enjoy this course. It is time well spent and brings immediate results.

David E. Foley  
Bishop of Birmingham, Al.

For more information call (305)279-2333  
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Please send your application to Juan Jose Rodriguez, SEPI, 7700 SW 56 ST, MIAMI, FL 33155  
 WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$50.00 payable, to SEPI (Registration fee, non refundable) by  
 May 18, 2012

Please indicate your present knowledge of Spanish: \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

What are you expecting from this course: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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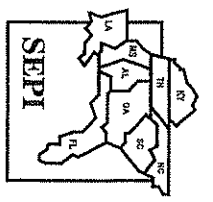
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