Stewardship and Spiritual Formation among Hispanic Catholics: Realities and Recommendations

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WHO are Catholics in the United States?

Non-Hispanic White	47.4
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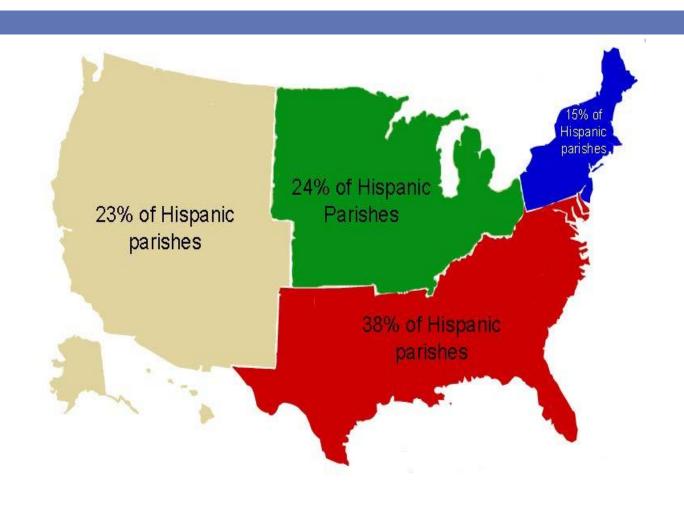
Hispanic 43%

African American 3.6%

Asian 5%

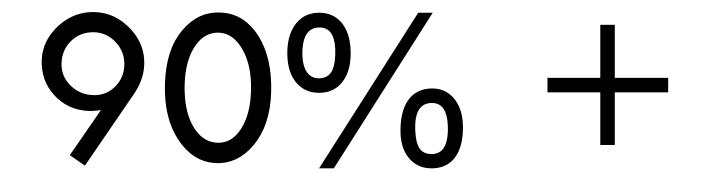
Native Americans 1%

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Seven Key Facts about Hispanics to Frame Our Reflection

U.S-Born Hispanics



Pastoral outreach to Hispanics focuses on immigrants

60%

Catholics younger than 18 are Hispanic

40%

Hispanics are younger than 25

25%

Hispanics are former Catholics

2/3

Hispanics struggle with some form of poverty

Hispanic adults that has a college degree

What does fostering STEWARDSHIP mean when engaging Hispanic Catholics?

Stewardship starts with retention through evangelization: Hispanics are also the Church in this country

Stewardship demands outreach to ALL Hispanics

Cultivate a strong sense of belonging

Maintain a healthy balance among Time, Talent, Treasure—and how Latinos/as experience them

Focus immediately on ministry with Hispanic youth: how much are we investing in this area now?

Invest in leadership from the Hispanic community

Build upon existing stewardship networks and skills that already exist among Hispanic Catholics

Thoughts / Reactions / Questions

Name one insight that you take with you from this presentation

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