



EMPOWERING  
YOUNG HISPANICS  
FOR LEADERSHIP  
IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

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## MISSION

Instituto Fe y Vida equips ministers, young adult leaders, and parents to promote evangelization and faith formation among young Latinos, particularly in the United States, by fostering their own development and their mission in the Church and in the world.

## LEADERSHIP FORMATION SYSTEM

### Formation and Support Process [Since 1988]

*Mentorship for diocesan and parish ministers*  
◆ 30 programs / 30 dioceses

### Formation Course of Pastoral Juvenil [Since 2002]

*Faith formation and pastoral training for young people 16 years and over [56 hours]*  
◆ 2297 participants / 57 programs / 56 dioceses

### Certificate Program for Advisers and Leaders in Pastoral Juvenil [Since 1996]

*Intermediate theological and pastoral formation for ministry with Hispanic youth and young adults [150 hours plus pastoral practice]*  
◆ 1600 graduates / 40 programs / 26 dioceses

### Annual National Summer Symposium [Since 1995]

*Leadership formation for youth ministers, young adult leaders, and pastoral advisers [one-week]*  
◆ 1824 participants / 20 symposia / 120 dioceses

### Biblical Course [Since 2005]

*Biblical formation with pastoral application to young Latinos' life [56 hours]*  
◆ 1997 participants / 37 programs / 36 dioceses

### Advanced Seminars [Since 1998]

*Concentrated advanced training in various areas of pastoral expertise [23 hours]*  
◆ 2063 participants / 73 seminars / 87 dioceses

### Training of Trainers [Since 2002]

*Training instructors and professors for various programs*  
◆ 624 participants / 21 programs / 58 dioceses in six countries

### Training, Support, and Consultation [Since 1994]

◆ Consultations: Over 8,120 participants  
◆ Workshops: Over 35149 participants  
◆ University courses: About 1215 students

## STAFF & TEAM

◆ Eight staff members (3 part-time)  
◆ 44 pastoral and editorial members

## IN 2014

- ◆ 3024 ministers and leaders received professional training
- ◆ 6414 participants in conferences and workshops

## RESEARCH

Conducts and collaborates in research related to the theology and practice of ministry with Hispanic adolescents in the United States:

- ◆ *The Status of Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the U.S.: A Preliminary Study*
- ◆ *Youth Ministry and the Socioreligious Lives of Hispanic and White Catholic Teens in the U.S.*, based on the National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR)
- ◆ *Pathways of Hope and Faith among Hispanic Teens: Pastoral recommendations for parents and ministers* based on the Hispanic data of the NSYR

## PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ **Witnesses of Hope Collection:** Eight titles in English and Spanish versions for pastoral advisers, leadership training, and youth and young adults' faith formation
- ◆ **La Biblia Católica para Jóvenes**, published with Editorial Verbo Divino in 2005; translated into Italian and Portuguese; close to 1 million Bibles distributed.
- ◆ **Ensayos y Aportes Fe y Vida Series:** 3 titles for pastoral leaders and teachers
- ◆ **Research oriented resources:** 1 book, 6 bilingual articles
- ◆ **Diálogos Semanales con Jesús Series:** Six books based on the Sunday readings for Hispanic youth people.
- ◆ **Misión Bíblica Juvenil:** Missionary process supported by four bilingual publications.

## ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION

FE Y VIDA is a leading voice presenting the urgent and growing needs of Hispanic youth and young adults to U.S. Catholic leaders. It brings a prophetic stance, a collaborative spirit, and a willingness to contribute hands-on work at the national and diocesan levels, including with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and in its commitment to the continuous development of the field of *Pastoral Juvenil Hispana*. Its staff is engaged in ongoing service within four national ministerial organizations; it also provides advice and accompaniment to multiple dioceses and pastoral institutions and organizations.