4 Tips for Hispanic/Latino Pastoral Ministry in Times of Crisis

1. Encounter Jesus
   a. Reach out to your pastoral leaders and parishioners to lead prayer during the week by a video or phone call (The Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, Novena to our Lady of Guadalupe, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, etc.)
   b. Share broadcasts of the daily Mass led by your bishop or the Holy Father
   c. Schedule an online retreat (one or two hours maximum) to listen to your people and strengthen them in the Word of the Lord

2. Accompany Others
   a. Convene once-a-week video meetings where you and pastoral leaders can talk about challenges, ask questions, and give possible solutions
   b. Share the readings for the day and a reflection from a trustworthy source. Invite the community to send their prayers intentions
   c. Develop formation resources (written and online) for pastoral leaders, young people, and families. Share them through social media and the parish website

3. Bear Fruit
   a. Involve all pastoral leaders, parish ministries, and parishioners in addressing the most pressing needs
   b. Create a ministry that addresses the needs of the community, especially the most vulnerable. Connect people, help each other, look for resources in the community
   c. Participate in and share what you learn from webinars and other online resources that Catholic institutions and organizations are offering

4. Be Missionary Disciples
   a. Remember that the parish is a “field hospital”; talk with someone about your feelings, your needs; then listen to the needs of others and offer your help
   b. Keep offering faith formation and leadership development virtually; be creative in providing new opportunities and don’t be afraid to explore and try new methods
   c. Update your pastoral leaders and community on the current state of the parish; be honest and let others know what support is needed; involve all pastoral leaders and parishioners in taking responsibility for providing resources and best practices

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