



Archdiocese
of Vancouver

PASTORAL PLAN FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY

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Matthew 25: 35-40

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me in prison and you came to see me." Then the upright will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you? And the King will answer, "In truth, I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

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Presentation Letter of Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSBSaint Mark
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is my pleasure to present to you this updated Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Since the publication of the initial Pastoral Plan in 2016, the ministry to Spanish-speaking parishioners and to seasonal farm workers has grown in scope as well as effectiveness. It has become a vital component of our local Church's mission of evangelization, and for this I am truly grateful to all of the priests, Sisters and volunteers who so generously give themselves to this ministry.

As the statistics within this Pastoral Plan clearly demonstrate, the Spanish-speaking population in our region continues to grow at a rapid pace. Moreover, the recent coronavirus pandemic worsened – but also brought to light – the plight of seasonal farm workers on which a good portion of Canada's agricultural sector depends. Today, more than ever, Hispanic ministry is at the leading edge of the Church's outreach in the Lower Mainland. This renewed Pastoral Plan lays a solid foundation for its continued success.

With cordial greetings and the assurance of my prayers for the Lord's continued blessing upon our Hispanic Ministry and all those whom it serves, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

Introduction Letter of Reverend Richard Zanotti, CS

In the seven years since the first Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry was approved by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, much pastoral outreach has been accomplished while at the same time many other needs have been discovered.

The communities served continue to grow, and it is essential that clergy, religious and laity work together in support of Hispanic ministry in the Archdiocese. The Pastoral Plan allows us to work as a team and assures that the ministry will continue beyond the tenure of those presently involved.

The support of the various parishes that reach out and welcome migrants tells us that this ministry is not of one group or of individuals but is a ministry of the Church with the Archbishop as its Shepherd.

“Every expression of Christian commitment must be rooted in a growing knowledge and deeper appreciation of the biblical call to conversion. This is expressed as concern for the migrant and articulated in various ways in the social teaching of the Church. In addition, the faith witness of so many persons from such varied ethnic backgrounds has become an extraordinary grace in the renewal of the life of the Church in Canada.”¹

“It is extremely important that the Christian community be a model of acceptance and appreciation for the migrants in our society. This openness should be shown to persons of all cultures and origins, no matter their immigration status. Christians are to be among those who refuse to let injustice toward migrants continue, let alone increase. Migrants and refugees are a reminder that all of us before God are ‘aliens and transients.’ Their presence among us is a source of mutual enrichment for humanity as well as an encouragement toward dialogue and unity. [St. John Paul II, *Erga Migrantes Caritas Christi*] Moreover, their presence is a sign of the Risen Christ. When people of different origins are welcomed, God is revealed: ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me’ [Mt. 25:35].”

Recognizing Christ in the migrant is the foundation of our ministry and Pastoral Plan. This encounter is mutually enriching and a witness to the catholicity of the Church. It is important for all offices and ministries in the Archdiocese to recognize that, even though the Plan for Hispanic ministry may have a particular focus, all are called to serve the people of God, especially those who find themselves at the margins of society.



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¹ Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs, Pastoral Letter on Immigration and the Protection of Refugees (15 January 2006, World Day for Migrants and Refugees), nn. 17, 21, 22.

A. Introduction

“Every human being is a child of God! He or she bears the image of Christ! We ourselves need to see, and then enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved.

They are an occasion that Providence gives us to help build a more just society, a more perfect democracy, a more united country, a more fraternal world and a more open and evangelical Christian community.”

- Pope Francis, August 5, 2013

Migrants and Refugees: Toward a Better World

Overview of Immigration in the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese has long paid special attention to the growing immigrant population of the Lower Mainland.

To accommodate both recent arrivals and long-term immigrants, Mass is currently offered in 21 languages. In addition to the celebration of the Eucharist, other pastoral services are offered. This includes catechesis for children and adults, youth and young adult ministry, and the celebration of the sacraments, as well as the celebration of the religious traditions of the immigrants themselves.

An increasing number of people are coming from Spanish-speaking countries, including the seasonal farm workers. A priest has been assigned as Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry to ensure that all Hispanics can easily be connected to the Catholic community and continue to celebrate the sacraments, have the Word of God preached to them and receive faith formation.

For all Catholic immigrants, integration into a parish community is encouraged. They are invited and welcomed to attend the parish which speaks their language, as well as celebrates their popular piety, feast days and other cultural events. It is the ultimate goal of the Archdiocese to ensure that all cultures eventually integrate into the greater Church.

Migrant seasonal farm workers from Mexico, Guatemala, Philippines, Jamaica and other countries have traveled to Canada under the federal Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program since 1966 and to British Columbia since 2007. They are considered “migrants” since their stay in Canada is neither of long duration nor is it permanent.

Many farm workers are Roman Catholic. The Archdiocese has seven parishes currently active in ministering to these seasonal farm workers. They are invited to a monthly Mass in Spanish and provided with the sacraments as well as offered spiritual and practical support.

The number of both immigrants and temporary migrants has been increasing in recent years. The concern of the Archdiocese of Vancouver for immigrant and migrant populations is reflected in this Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry.



Brief History of Hispanic Ministry in the Archdiocese

- 1973** Fr. Donald Campbell, pastor of Holy Name Parish, Vancouver, started a Mass in Spanish, celebrated by Fr. Leonard Puesh, OFM.
- Sr. Adrienne Peak, SCH, started apostolic work with Hispanics, especially recently arrived Chilean refugees.
- 1975** The Hispanic community moved to the Portuguese parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Vancouver. Fr. Joaquin Micheletto, CS, a Missionary of St. Charles, Scalabrinian, from Brazil, celebrated Mass in Spanish.
- 1976** Fr. Antonio Tapparello, CS, also from Brazil, continued the Mass in Spanish at Our Lady of Fatima.
- 1978** Fr. Claudio Llopis, from Spain, began to serve the community and started the Hispanic Catholic Mission ("Mission" or "Hispanic Mission"). During this year the community resided at St. Patrick Parish, Vancouver. Catechism classes began. First Communion was celebrated with the community. A charismatic prayer group and youth group were started. Food was distributed to the newly arrived.
- 1983** For a brief period, the Hispanic Mission returned to Holy Name Parish, Vancouver.
- 1984** The Hispanic Mission moved to St. Joseph's Parish, Vancouver.
- 1985** Fr. Vicente Osca, a Capuchin from Colombia, together with Sr. Betty Lou Knox, a Sister of Saint Joseph, worked with the Catholic Latin American Welcoming Service (CLAWS) from 1985 to 1995. The main focus of the CLAWS program was to offer social services and English classes to refugee claimants who had very limited rights in Canada.
- 1986** Fr. Terence Larkin took charge of the Hispanic Mission together with his regular commitment as pastor of the English-speaking parish of St. Joseph. Many refugees from Central America arrived at this time.
- 1987** Fr. Eduardo Diaz, from Colombia, arrived to care for the Hispanic Mission. The Mission continued to organize itself and to offer spiritual and social services.
- 1988** The Hispanic Catholic Mission moved to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Vancouver. Formation programs were established for all age groups and the community began to participate in Project Advance.
- 1989** Four Sisters from the Religious Community of the Teresian Carmelite Missionaries arrived at the Mission and began to work with the Hispanic Community at all levels: Sr. Pilar Berenguer; Sr. Teresa Rosas; Sr. Rosa Jara; and Sr. Maria Pilar Espizua.
- 1991** The first Marriage Encounter in Spanish took place.
- 1992** Increasing attention was given to the youth and activities were organized for parents.
- 1993** The promotion of "sectors" began with the celebration of a monthly Mass.
- 1994** Fr. Salvador Ahumada joined the pastoral staff of the Mission.



- 1995** The office of the Mission moved to St. Patrick's Convent in Vancouver and for this reason some activities of the Mission took place in St. Helen's and Holy Family. The Teresian Carmelite Missionaries continued to provide formation and social assistance to the community. The Sisters set up sectors throughout the Archdiocese to provide services to the widespread Hispanic community in Surrey, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, and eventually Langley, Maple Ridge and Cloverdale.
- 1996** With the departure of Fr. Eduardo Diaz, the Hispanic Catholic Mission was staffed by the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit with Fr. Domenico Di Raimondo, as pastor and Fr. Jose Ortega, as associate pastor.
- 1997** Fr. Enrique Cardena and Fr. Jose Luis Ortega were assigned to the Hispanic Mission.
- 1998** The Teresian Carmelite Missionaries moved into the new convent at 4865 Beatrice St. in Vancouver built by the Hispanic community with help from Project Advance. The Mission moved its office to a former school located next to Holy Family Church. Sacraments were celebrated at Holy Family Church. Masses were also celebrated weekly at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Surrey and Our Lady of the Assumption in Port Coquitlam, as well as monthly at Holy Trinity in North Vancouver and St. Ann's in Abbotsford. At Our Lady of Good Counsel, a catechetical program was initiated as well as other types of formation. Fr. Hilario Cisnero, MSpS, arrived to continue work at the Mission until the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit left the Mission in 1999.
- 1999** The Scalabrinians were entrusted with the leadership of the Hispanic Catholic Mission. The two Fathers who took over were Fr. Raniero Alessandrini as pastor and Fr. Riccardo Bezzegato as associate. They carried on the work of the Mission with numerous activities and apostolic works.
- 2001** The Hispanic Catholic Mission was incorporated into Our Lady of Sorrows Parish according to the mandate of Archbishop Adam Exner, OMI, for all Catholic missions to be integrated into territorial parishes. The transition was not without its challenges, but with time both the Hispanic community and the community at Our Lady of Sorrows saw the wisdom of such a move.
- 2002** The Hispanic Mission continued its work through the auspices of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish with the Scalabrinians and the Teresian Carmelite Missionaries.
- 2010** Fr. Juan Luis Carbajal, CS, associate pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, organized a group of Lay Scalabrinians to reach out to the many seasonal farm workers in the Fraser Valley. Apostolic and social services were provided. They worked in cooperation with lay leaders who had begun ministry with the seasonal farm workers in places such as St. Joseph in Langley and St. Ann in Abbotsford.
- 2012** Fr. Richard Zanotti, CS, was assigned as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows and continued to serve Hispanics attending the parish as well as those in the different sectors.
- 2013** After a meeting with priests of the Archdiocese who either worked with or hosted Hispanic Ministry, Fr. Richard Zanotti, CS, was appointed Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, to care for all the Hispanics of the Archdiocese both permanent residents and temporary workers. One of his



responsibilities was to form a Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry by 2016. Priests working in or hosting Hispanic Ministry and leaders in seasonal farm worker ministry began to organize themselves for efficiency and sustainability. The Scalabrinians and the Teresian Carmelite Missionaries continued in leadership roles in Hispanic Ministry. The Ministry to seasonal farm workers expanded to St. Luke in Maple Ridge and Sacred Heart in Delta.

2014 Ministry to seasonal farm workers began at Precious Blood in Cloverdale where Mass was already being celebrated in Spanish once a month.

2015 Ministry to seasonal farm workers was expanded by the introduction of faith formation programs such as the Discovery series of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO).

Deacon Bruce Fraser, who was ordained on December 8, was assigned to work with the Hispanic Ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows.

2016 The First Hispanic Ministry Assembly happened at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre.

The first Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry was promulgated.

Sr. Karina Farias, CMT, was assigned to the Seasonal Farm Workers Ministry.

2017 The first Mass in Chilliwack was held on March 26th for the Seasonal Farm Workers.

The first Seasonal Farm Workers' Ministry Volunteers' Assembly occurred at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in November.

On December 12, Deacon Raul Solano was appointed to be devoted to the pastoral care of the Hispanics in the Archdiocese.

2018 The Scalabrinian priests were entrusted with Saint Ann's Parish in Abbotsford.

In October, Sr. Angela Moloney, CMT, arrived to work with the Spanish speaking community at Our Lady of Sorrows.

2020 June 26, 2020, Archbishop Miller wrote to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding the need to give temporary foreign workers permanent residency to ensure their safety and the protection of their rights.

Volunteers stayed in touch with farm workers virtually throughout the Covid 19 pandemic.

2021 In June, the Umbrella Mobile Clinic was launched to serve the unique needs of the temporary foreign farm workers.

2022 On June 4, the Hispanic Ministry Assembly occurred at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre for the first time since Covid.

On June 25, the Seasonal Farm Workers' Ministry Volunteers' Assembly gathered at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre.

B. Background and Current Situation

“We left Mexico because my husband’s company transferred him to Canada. All of our family and support system is still back home. We searched for a church and found Our Lady of Sorrows parish that welcomed us into its community. It was just before the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and we were so happy to know we would be celebrating this special day in our new country.”

- Anonymous New Immigrant

Hispanic Immigrants

As is presented in the table below, the Latin American population is increasing.²

Latin American Population of Canada by Census Year

Census Year	Latin American population (includes Brazil)	Change from Previous Census	Total Canadian Population	Change from Previous Census	Latin American Population (%)
1996	176,970	N/A	28,528,125	N/A	0.6%
2001	216,980	22.6%	29,639,030	3.9%	0.7%
2006	304,245	40.2%	31,241,030	5.4%	1%
2011	381,280	25.3%	33,476,688	5.2%	1.2%
2016	447,325	17.3%	34,460,065	4.9%	1.3%
2022	580,235	22.9%	36,328,480	5.1%	1.6%

Many people come from Mexico through the Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA). This allows visitors from Mexico to come for 6 months. There are also many students who come from Latin America to study in our Archdiocese. The Hispanic community also includes people who are undocumented immigrants.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada, which plans immigration based on economic and humanitarian needs, welcomes more than 250,000 immigrants as permanent residents each year.

Some Hispanics came to Canada and continue to arrive in Canada as permanent residents who will eventually apply to become citizens. They bring their families and make this country their own with the benefits and responsibilities that this entails. The local Church wants to accompany them by offering ministry in Spanish and allowing them to practice the faith traditions with which they are familiar.

² <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/dp-pd/prof/details/page.cfm?DGUIDlist=2021A000011124&GENDERlist=1&HEADERlist=0&Lang=E&STATISTIClist=1&SearchText=Canada>

Seasonal Farm Workers

Migrant seasonal farm workers from Mexico, Guatemala, Philippines, Jamaica and other countries have traveled to Canada under the federal Seasonal Agricultural Workers Programs since 1966 and to British Columbia since 2007. Seasonal farm workers are predominantly Spanish-speaking men with women more recently participating as well. They come to Canada to work in fields and greenhouses. While some stay for as little as four months, some stay for up to two years. They leave their families behind and come to Canada to provide a better future for them. In doing so they miss births and deaths of family members, as well as celebrations of baptisms and weddings.

They live in farm housing, often sharing living space with many other migrant farm workers.

The total number of temporary foreign worker positions under the Agricultural Occupations category 1, in British Columbia increases year after year. Farms predominantly located in the Fraser Valley, Tri Cities, Delta, Pitt Meadows, and Maple Ridge rely heavily on seasonal workers to maintain production. It has been noted that prior to the farm worker programs, it was difficult to maintain sufficient workers to successfully complete the harvest each year.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, Canada welcomed 61,735 temporary foreign workers in the agriculture sector, up 11.9% from 2020. This was the biggest increase since 2016, after a year marked by challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Canada, temporary foreign workers represented around one-quarter of all agriculture workers in 2021.

Many countries contribute to swelling of the ranks in Canada's agricultural workforce. A total of 168 countries were represented among the temporary foreign workers who laboured in Canada's agriculture sector in 2021.

In 2021, 43.8% of temporary foreign workers came from Mexico, 23.3% from Guatemala and 14.1% from Jamaica. The increase of temporary foreign workers from Guatemala was the biggest, rising by 3,091 from 2020 to 2021.³

Nationally, just under one in five temporary foreign workers was employed in British Columbia (16.6%). In 2021, British Columbia welcomed 10,266 temporary foreign workers to Canada's agriculture sector, an increase of 7.8% from the previous year. The industry that employed the most temporary foreign workers was greenhouse, nursery and floriculture operations.⁴

³ <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/220613/dq220613d-eng.htm>

⁴ <https://www.healthandsafetybc.ca/programs/migrant-workers/>



C. Response of the Catholic Church

“In migrants the Church has always contemplated the image of Christ who said, ‘I was a stranger and you made me welcome’ (Mt 25:35). Their condition is, therefore, a challenge to the faith and love of believers, who are called on to heal the evils caused by migration and discover the plan God pursues through it even when caused by obvious injustices.”

Erga Migrantes Caritas Christi

“The Love of Christ Towards Migrants,” n. 12

Pastoral Response and Principles in Hispanic Ministry

Theological Foundation

Pro Emigratis Catholicis of St. John Baptist Scalabrini was a pivotal document in the Church’s approach to ministry to migrants. St. John Baptist Scalabrini, known as “Father to the Migrants,” advocated on behalf of migrants at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. The congregations he founded continue this mission.

1912 Pope St. Pius X formed the first office for migration issues.

1952 *Exsul Familia*, a post-war document promulgated by Pope Pius XII, laid down guides for the Church in ministering to migrants. The document is considered the “Magisterial Magna Carta” of Church teaching and first major official document of the Holy See regarding ministry to migrants.

Exsul Familia states that assistance should be provided to migrants by priests of the same nationality/language, and that pastors must show the same concern for migrants as others in their local community. Implementation of *Exsul Familia* was not always widespread but formed the basis for ministry with migrants.

1960 With Vatican II and the increase of international migration, the movement from underdeveloped to developed countries, as well as the many movements of refugees, the Church saw a need to address the issue of migration and to respond to the needs of migrants. This would be a pastoral response as well as a response that directed itself to the promotion of the rights of every person to a life worthy of dignity. An emphasis on integration over assimilation was promoted.

1969 With *Pastoralis Migratorum Cura*, Pope St. Paul VI encouraged newly formed Bishops’ conferences to provide pastoral care for people on the move. It stated that migrants must be allowed to maintain cultural, social and religious practices.

1970 Pope St. Paul VI instituted the Pontifical Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and of Tourism.

1989 The Commission was renamed becoming the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People. Its role was to animate and offer pastoral encouragement to individual conferences.



- 2004** The Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People published an instruction *Erga Migrantes Caritas Christi* (The Love of Christ Towards Migrants) as a response of the Church to the migration phenomenon of the day. In n. 15 of *Erga Migrantes Caritas Christi* we read: “In the foreigner a Christian sees not simply a neighbour, but the face of Christ Himself, who was born in a manger and fled into Egypt, where he was a foreigner, summing up and repeating in His own life the basic experience of His people (cf. Mt 2:13ff)... So Christians are followers of a man on the move ‘who has nowhere to lay his head’ (Mt 8:20; Lk 9:58). Born away from home and coming from another land (cf. Lk 2:4-7), ‘he came to dwell among us’ (cf. Jn 1:11,14) and spent His public life on the move, going through towns and villages (cf. Lk 13:22; Mt 9:35). After His resurrection, still a foreigner and unknown, He appeared on the way to Emmaus to two of His disciples, who only recognized Him at the breaking of the bread (cf. Lk 24:35). In the same way Mary, the Mother of Jesus, can be equally well contemplated as a living symbol of the woman emigrant. She gave birth to her Son away from home (cf. Lk 2:1-7) and was compelled to flee to Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-14). Popular devotion is right to consider Mary as the Madonna of the Way.”
- 2006** The Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops published a Pastoral Letter on Immigration and the Protection of Refugees on the occasion of the World Day for Migrants and Refugees. In its conclusion the Letter states: “Migrants and refugees are a reminder that all of us before God are ‘aliens and transients’. Their presence among us is a source of mutual enrichment for humanity as well as an encouragement toward dialogue and unity. Moreover, their presence is a sign of the Risen Christ. When people of different origins are welcomed, God is revealed: ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me’ (Mt. 25:35).” Since this Pastoral Letter was published, many of the statements of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have focused on refugees.
- 2007** CELAM (Council of Latin American Episcopal Conferences) met at Aparecida, Brazil, and addressed the issue of immigration. “One of the most important phenomena in our countries is the process of human mobility, in its twofold expression of migration and itinerancy, in which millions of people migrate or find themselves forced to migrate inside or beyond their respective countries.” The bishops mention several causes and consequences. “The causes are diverse and are related to the economic situation, violence in its various forms, the poverty affecting people, and lack of opportunities for research and professional development. In many cases the consequences are extremely serious at the personal, family, and cultural level.
- The loss of the human capital of millions of people, trained professionals, researchers, and extensive small farming sectors is impoverishing us more every day. In some instances, exploitation of labor actually creates conditions of real slavery. There is also a shameful trafficking in persons, including prostitution, even of minors. The plight of refugees merits special mention, and challenges the capacity for hospitality of society and the churches. One positive economic consequence of some migration is the money sent back to families from abroad, often referred to as remittances. Remittances in foreign currency from emigrants to their countries of origin have



become an important and sometimes irreplaceable source of resources for various countries in the region, promoting the welfare and increased social mobility of those who are able to participate successfully in this process.”

- 2014** Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (2014): “The Church, responding to Christ’s command to ‘go and make disciples of all nations,’ is called to be the People of God which embraces all peoples and brings to them the proclamation of the Gospel, for the face of each person bears the mark of the face of Christ!... We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved. They are an occasion that Providence gives us to help build a more just society, a more perfect democracy, a more united country, a more fraternal world and a more open and evangelical Christian community... Dear migrants and refugees! Never lose the hope that you too are facing a more secure future, that on your journey you will encounter an outstretched hand, and that you can experience fraternal solidarity and the warmth of friendship!”

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, homily on the occasion of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees: “I think here of the many blessings that migrants and refugees bring to our local Church: your deep faith in God, often tried by persecution or situations of hardship in your homelands; your religious fervour expressed in the different popular devotions that enrich our religious life with your traditions; and your willing generosity to help others who are still in the process of migrating.”

- 2019** Message of His Holiness Pope Francis on 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2019: “Dear brothers and sisters, our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church’s mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated. If we put those four verbs into practice, we will help build the city of God and man.”
- 2022** Message of His Holiness Pope Francis on 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022: “The ultimate meaning of our ‘journey’ in this world is the search for our true homeland, the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus Christ, which will find its full realization when he comes in glory... No one must be excluded. God’s plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be *built with them*, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants. The inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God’s Kingdom. Indeed, the Lord says, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me’ (Mt 25:34-36).”



Assembly of Ministers in Hispanic Ministry: In a synodal Church, the entire community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called to: Pray, Listen, Analyze, Dialogue, Discern and Advise in order to make pastoral decisions that correspond to the will of God. God does not choose the trained but trains the chosen ones.

Assembly of Volunteers in Farm Worker Ministry: Themes that arose were that we are being called to work together, join our resources, support each other and to help the workers. We need to work not only for them but with them. The goal is to encourage the farm workers to be protagonists in their faith development. We can achieve this by making personal connections, making them feel welcome, listening, building trust, and offering support in their loneliness and their difficulties. As a Church, we need to be motivating, joy filled, and open to learning from each other.

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, homily on the Day of Migrants and Refugees: "May the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver work together, each in their own community, to make a local Church ever more welcoming to refugees, migrants, temporary workers, and trafficked persons as we carry out the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ: 'As you go, proclaim the Good News, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near' (Mt 10:7)."

Vision and Mission

Vision

Provide pastoral care for Hispanics in our Archdiocese with a special focus on temporary seasonal farm workers.

Mission

Our missionary mandate is to continue to serve and expand the ministry to the Hispanic immigrants and intentionally create and sustain a parish-based pastoral care program for temporary seasonal farm workers. This ministry is shepherded by the Hispanic Ministry Coordinator, who will be supported by the following leadership team:

- Pastor/associate pastors from the parishes where Mass is celebrated in Spanish and are participating in seasonal farm worker ministry;
- Teresian Carmelite Missionaries;
- Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians) and Lay Scalabrinians;
- Representatives from the parishes participating in seasonal farm worker ministry;
- Coordinator, Service & Justice Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.



Values

- Hospitality:** To welcome Christ in the migrant.
- Humility:** To work in a spirit of fraternity and obedience.
- Service:** To respond to the call of God.
- Respect:** To promote the dignity of every human being in our service to the Church.
- Accountability:** To document and record the activities of the ministry to ensure it is intentional and sustainable.
- Joy:** To celebrate our faith with a joy that testifies the depth of our commitment.

Roles in Hispanic Ministry

Archbishop

The Archbishop is the chief shepherd of the local Church in Vancouver and responds to the needs of his flock by delegating those who will serve, on his behalf, in the various ministries of the Archdiocese including the ministry to Hispanics. The Archbishop's presence and participation through presentations to the community and the celebration of the sacraments, including the celebration of Masses with the seasonal farm workers, shows the importance of the ministry in the pastoral life of the Archdiocese and allows those being served to know that the ministry is not of individuals but of the whole local Church.

Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry

The Coordinator has been assigned by the Archbishop and reports directly to the Archbishop. The Coordinator has been given the following responsibilities:

1. To oversee the sacramental and adult catechetical aspects pertaining to Hispanic Ministry, especially, but not exclusively, migrant workers.
2. To co-ordinate the pastoral ministry to the Hispanic migrant community in the Archdiocese of Vancouver with the clergy, religious, and lay faithful.
3. To work in co-operation with the Coordinator of the Service and Justice Office on issues of mutual concern.
4. To meet on a regular basis with pastors and associates to share their experience of Hispanic Ministry and make recommendations to improve this ministry.
5. To meet with religious sisters and laity to foster cooperation among all those engaged in Hispanic Ministry.
6. To ensure before beginning any pastoral commitments, especially the offering of Mass, that it can be sustained.
7. To foster the training of laity who wish to minister with migrants.

8. Host quarterly leadership meetings each year for training and development and networking.
9. Continue to provide information sessions to parishes that currently minister to migrants for the purpose of ongoing training and recruitment.
10. Host an annual retreat for those who minister to migrants.

Priests involved in Hispanic Ministry and priests hosting Hispanic Ministry

Priests in the Archdiocese who speak Spanish are, or could be, involved in the Hispanic Ministry especially with the celebration of the sacraments. Other priests, although they might not be fluent in Spanish, have welcomed the Hispanic Ministry in their parish and have encouraged parishioners to be involved in this ministry. Priests serve those who are permanently here and those who are here temporarily. Any outreach in the Hispanic Ministry must always take into consideration these priests, and once the ministry has been initiated, ongoing communication with them is important.

Teresian Carmelite Missionaries

The Teresian Carmelite Missionaries continue to play an important role in Hispanic Ministry. The Assistant Coordinator for the Farm Worker Ministry is a Teresian Carmelite Missionary. The Teresian Carmelite Missionaries have ministered to the immigrants, those who have come to stay in Canada, and now they minister to the seasonal farm workers. They support Hispanics as a community and provide formation to the community as well as its leaders. They visit farms where seasonal farm workers receive formation in the faith. Their pastoral involvement goes beyond the parish to which they have now been assigned. They are a vital contact with the sectors where ministry is carried out among the immigrants who speak Spanish.

Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians) and Lay Scalabrinians

The charism of the Missionaries of St. Charles, Scalabrinians and Lay Scalabrinians is to serve migrants. Through ongoing formation, both Scalabrinians and Lay Scalabrinians deepen their understanding of what service to migrants means. Under the authority of the Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry, they are to take a leadership role in Hispanic Ministry. Scalabrinians reach out especially where the sacraments need to be celebrated. They coordinate with the Lay Scalabrinians who assess the need to form new ministry groups in parishes. They provide ongoing support and formation to parish-based groups.

Lay Leaders in Parishes

Lay leaders in parishes coordinate the ministry in parishes and are the liaisons between the parish and the Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry. They work with the pastor or priest involved in, or hosting, the Hispanic Ministry. They participate in periodic meetings with those involved in the ministry to better coordinate the services. The Scalabrinians and Lay Scalabrinians help to form and continue to support these leaders in their ministry. They promote the ministry and seek volunteers among service groups of the parish and the community like the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League and the Society of St.

Vincent de Paul. One does not need to be fluent in Spanish to serve in this ministry. These leaders are to ensure that all volunteers who have a direct contact with seasonal farm workers have criminal background checks and have signed the Safe Environment code of Conduct. The seasonal farm workers are considered vulnerable adults.

Coordinator of the Service and Justice Office

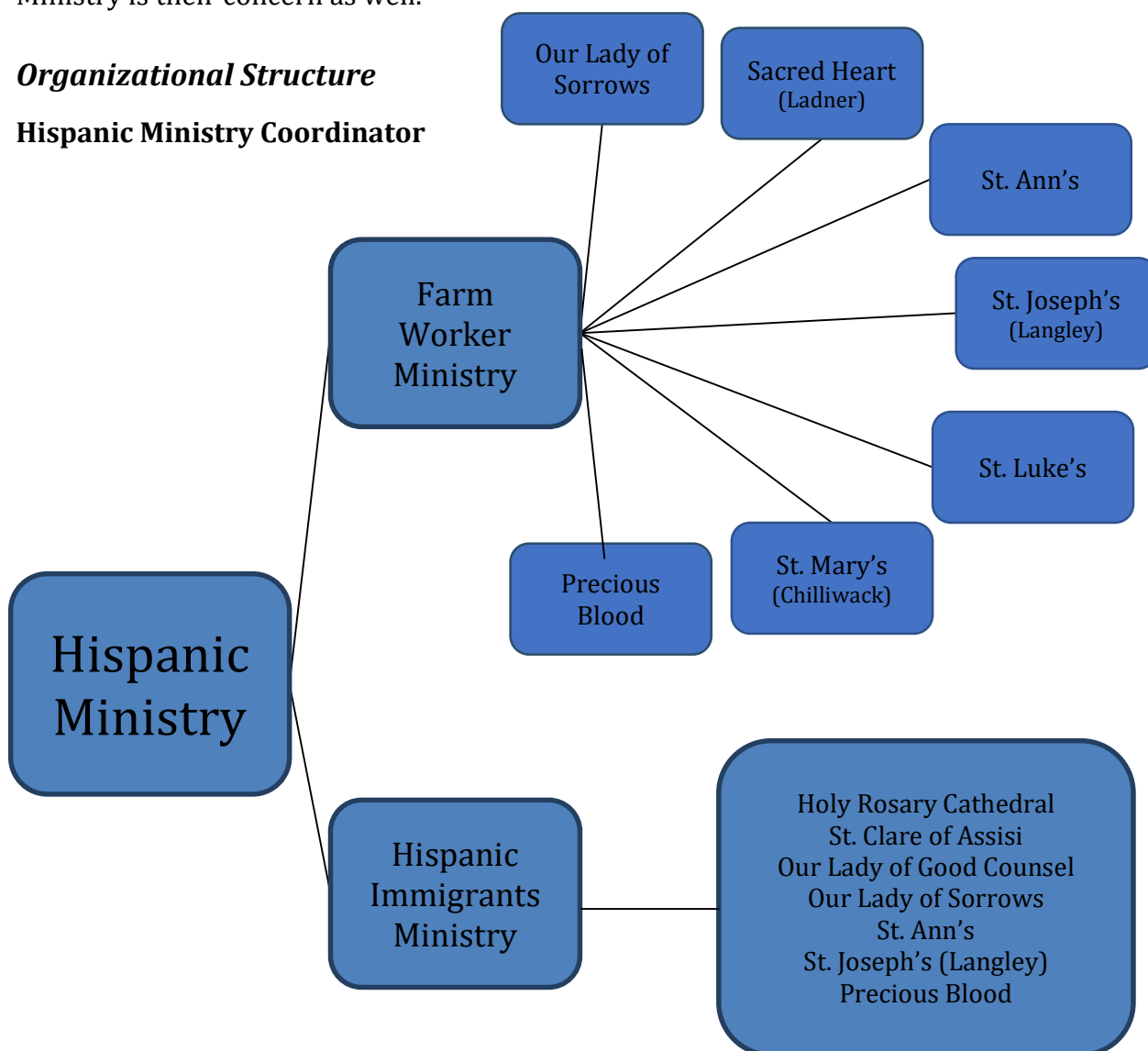
The Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry is to work in cooperation with the Coordinator of Service and Justice in matters of common concern. The Coordinator supports the ministry in providing formation and tools for efficiency and the sustainability of the ministry.

Offices of the Archdiocese

Hispanic Ministry should not be an isolated entity and should avail itself of the expertise of the different offices of the Archdiocese, enabling these offices to recognize that Hispanic Ministry is their concern as well.

Organizational Structure

Hispanic Ministry Coordinator





Parishes Currently Serving Seasonal Farm Workers

Parish	Description	Location	Day	Time	Comment
Our Lady of Sorrows	• Mass In Spanish • Reconciliation • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry through outreach in the Archdiocese by the Lay Scalabrinians • Yearly Christmas Mass/Dinner	Vancouver			Scalabrinian Priest According to Need
Precious Blood	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Charitable works • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry	Surrey/ Cloverdale	3 rd Sunday	4:00 pm	Scalabrinian Priest
Sacred Heart (Ladner)	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry • Rosary • Discovery Program (CCO) • Charitable works	Delta	1 st Saturday (No Mass June/July) Tuesday Wednesday	7:30 pm 7:30 pm Depends on Schedule of workers	Scalabrinian Priest
St. Ann's	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Charitable Works • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry • Rosary • Outreach by Lay Scalabrinians	Abbotsford	2 nd Saturday	7:30 pm	Scalabrinian Priest
St. Joseph's	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry • Charitable works	Langley	2 nd Sunday	5:30 pm	Scalabrinian Priest
St. Luke's	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry • Charitable works	Maple Ridge	4 th Sunday	3:00 pm	Scalabrinian Priest
St. Mary's	• Mass in Spanish • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry • Charitable works • Reconciliation	Chilliwack	Last Sunday of the month	6:30 pm	Parish Priest



Parishes Currently Serving Hispanic Immigrants

Parish	Description	Location	Day	Time	Comment
Our Lady of Sorrows	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Charitable Works • Liturgical Ministries • Lay Scalabrinians • Charismatic Prayer Group • Bodas de Cana • Young Adult Group • Adult Catechesis • Evangelization • Vocation Committee • Marriage Encounter • Choir • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry	Vancouver	Tuesday Friday Sunday Sunday	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Scalabrinian Priest English/ Spanish
Our Lady of Good Counsel	• Mass In Spanish • Reconciliation • Charitable works • Choir • Charismatic Prayer Group • Bible Study • Adult Catechesis • Evangelization • Marriage Encounter	Surrey	Saturday	5:30 pm	Scalabrinian Priest
St. Clare of Assisi	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Charitable works • Charismatic Prayer Group • Evangelization	Coquitlam	Sunday	6:30 pm	Scalabrinian Priest
Holy Rosary Cathedral	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Charitable works • Young Adult Group	Vancouver	Sunday	6:30 pm	Priest on Staff
Precious Blood	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Charitable works • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry	Surrey/ Cloverdale	3 rd Sunday	4:00 pm	Scalabrinian Priest
St. Joseph's	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Charitable Works • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry	Langley	1 st Sunday	5:30 pm	Scalabrinian Priest
St. Ann's	• Mass in Spanish • Reconciliation • Charitable Works • Seasonal Farm Worker Ministry • Rosary	Abbotsford	Sunday 2 nd Saturday	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	Scalabrinian Priest

D. Goals and Objectives

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Luke 4:18-19

Ministry to Hispanic Immigrants

1. To promote worship (i.e. Mass, Communion Service, Reconciliation and other prayer experiences) and programs (Bible study, Discovery and others) especially through the support of the Scalabrinian priests, Teresian Carmelite Missionaries, Lay Scalabrinians and those involved in Hispanic Ministry in the parishes.
 - a. To continue the ministry already in place in a number of parishes.
 - b. To assess the needs of the Hispanic immigrant community in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This involves discussions between the Hispanic Ministry Coordinator, pastors of parishes where Hispanic immigrants reside, and the Hispanic immigrants themselves (focus groups as an example).
2. To form leaders among the Hispanic immigrants who will participate in the ministry.
3. To continue to work with Marriage Encounter, Charismatic Renewal, Bodas de Cana and other organizations that work with immigrants. This involvement must include building a sense of belonging to and support of the parish community.
4. To continue to have Scalabrinians, Lay Scalabrinians, and Teresian Carmelite Missionaries provide leadership with running the Catholic Christian Outreach “Discovery” series and continue forming leaders who will extend the program to parishes and sectors where ministry to Hispanic immigrants is being carried out.
5. To convoke general assemblies on a regular basis of all those involved in ministry to Hispanic immigrants. This convocation will involve formation, evaluation and planning for the future of the ministry. This gathering will be held at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre so as to impress on the participants that this ministry is a work of the Archdiocese of Vancouver: Ministry to Seasonal Farm Workers (Migrants).
6. To recruit new parishes with a high concentration of seasonal farm workers in their community.
 - The Hispanic Ministry Coordinator will contact the pastor to begin discussions regarding seasonal farm worker ministry.
7. To recruit Lay Scalabrinians to lead and support existing seasonal farm worker ministries and aid in the expansion of the ministry.
 - Offer the Scalabrinian Lay Associate teaching units, in order to prepare possible candidates for the Lay Scalabrinians.



- a. Provide specific formation for Lay Scalabrinians in ministry to seasonal farm workers.
 - b. Volunteer recruitment can be facilitated through the Parish Volunteer Program of the Archdiocese.
8. To connect with other parish groups and the community to grow capacity in this ministry.
 - a. Each parish-based ministry will connect with their pastor, Pastoral Council, Catholic Women's league, Knights of Columbus, Society of St Vincent de Paul and others in the parish to provide education and awareness in order to attract volunteers who will support the ministry.
 - b. At the request of the parish-based ministry, the Lay Scalabrinian Migrant Leadership Team will provide information sessions which outline the specifics of ministry to seasonal farm workers for new ministries or as required.
9. To promote worship (i.e. Mass, Communion Service, Reconciliation, Rosary, Way of the Cross and other prayer experiences) and programs (Bible Study, Discovery and others) through the support of the Scalabrinian priests, Lay Scalabrinians, Teresian Carmelite Missionaries, and ministry leaders in the parishes.
 - a. Together with the pastor, those involved in the ministry organize opportunities for worship as well as formation compatible with the work schedule of the seasonal farm workers.
 - b. Scalabrinians, Lay Scalabrinians, Teresian Carmelite Missionaries, and Migrant Leadership Team provide leadership in the delivery of the Catholic Christian Outreach "Discovery" series at selected farms and continue forming leaders who extend the program to more farms.
 - c. Attend triannual leadership training and development meetings.
10. To continue the annual Christmas Mass and dinner for migrants to be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, which approximately 300 seasonal farm workers attend, with the help of generous donors both from parishes and commercial entities. St. Ann's Parish also provides a special meal at Christmas for the migrant workers serving over 100 guests.
11. To explore the possibility of introducing and promoting the seasonal farm worker ministry to other areas of Canada.
12. To convoke general assemblies on a regular basis of all those involved in ministry to temporary farm workers. This convocation will involve formation, evaluation and planning for the future of the ministry. This gathering will be held at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre so as to impress on the participants that this ministry is a work of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Financial Stability of the Hispanic and Seasonal Farm Worker Ministries

1. To date, Ministry expenses both to immigrants and migrants have been covered by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, St. Ann's Parish, Scalabrinians, Lay Scalabrinians, the Service and Justice Office and Ministry groups in each parish. The salary and benefits of the Assistant Coordinator of the Farm Worker Ministry is paid by the Archdiocese of Vancouver.
2. Financial resources have come from collections at Masses celebrated with immigrants, fund raising carried out by the Lay Scalabrinians and the ministry groups in the parishes, the budget of the Service and Justice Office and the generosity of parishes in contributing funds and allowing the ministry the use of their facilities.
3. Budget items for ministry to Hispanic immigrants are included in the parish ministry budget of Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Ann's Parish. A collection is taken at the Masses celebrated with immigrants and a weekly donation is given to the parishes for the use of their facilities.
4. Items included in a budget for ministry to the seasonal farm workers: stipends for priests and religious working in the ministry; transportation expenses, since this ministry involves traveling long distances; food for socials after Mass and sessions held at individual farms; bibles, books and other catechetical materials; emergency expenses such as help with food, clothing, blankets, medicine, etc.; welcome kits and first aid kits.

E. Reporting and Evaluation

"The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught."

Mark 6:30

Reporting

Migrant Leadership team members send monthly reports using the template provided (Appendix C) to be reviewed by the Hispanic Coordinator.

The reports provide information which allows the Hispanic Coordinator and all involved parties to refine programming as required.

Triannual meetings are hosted for sharing information and for further training and development of the ministries.

Evaluation

Periodically, the Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry together with priests, sisters and lay leaders in the ministry will make a thorough evaluation of all aspects of the Hispanic Ministry, both immigrant (permanent) and migrant (temporary). The evaluation will lead to recommendations for the upcoming year of ministry. Special attention will be given to the goals and objectives set forth in the Pastoral Plan. At this time, monthly reports submitted by each of the parish groups, regarding monthly Masses as well as farm visits, will be assessed.



These reports will be collated by a centralized administrator after each event. Templates have already been created to ensure consistency throughout the Archdiocese.

1. The Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry meets once a year with the priests who minister to Hispanics or host ministry to Hispanics.
2. The Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry meets with the Archbishop on a bimonthly basis.
3. The Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry will be evaluated on an annual basis, and can be adapted as needed. Such adaptations will be proposed by the Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry and approved by the Archbishop. Every five years, the plan will be thoroughly reviewed and updated as needed.

**Approved: Feast of Saint Mark
April 25, 2023**

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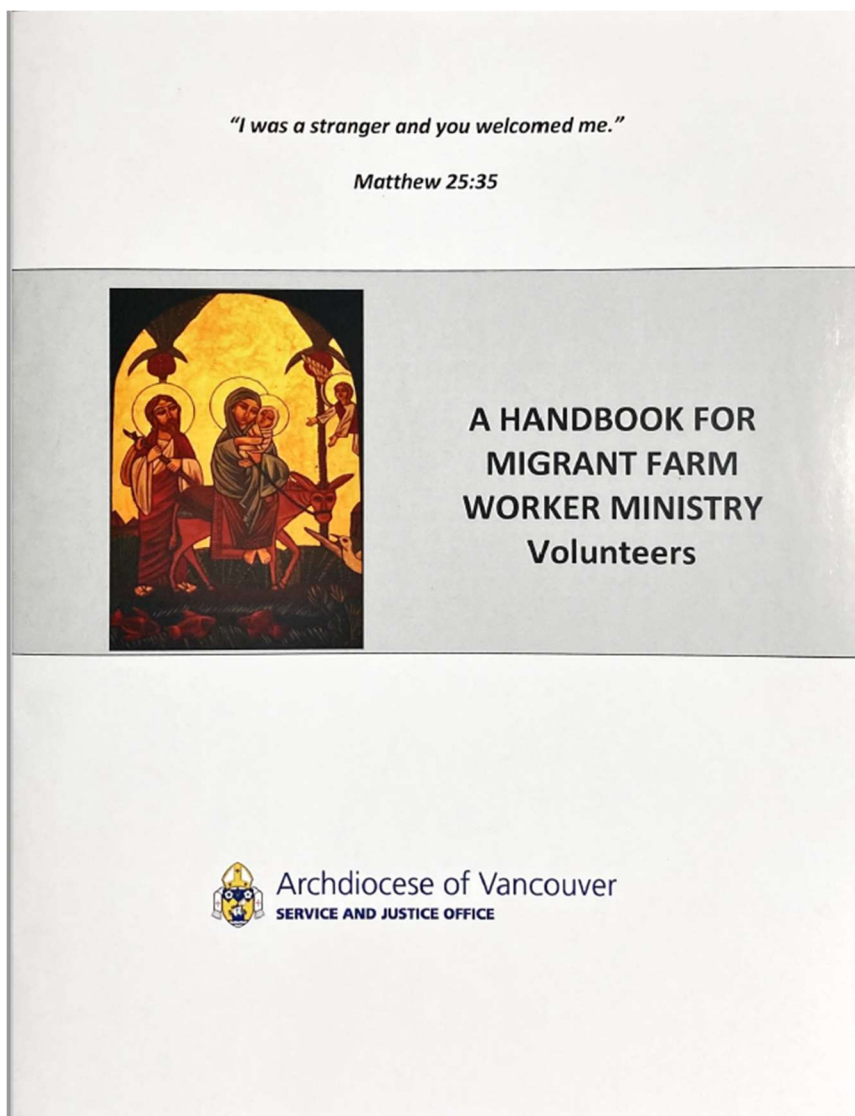
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Archbishop of Vancouver

The following policy is hereby superseded:
Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry, effective April 16, 2016.



Appendix A: Handbook for Migrant Ministry

Available for download here: <https://rcav.org/migrant-farm-worker-ministry/volunteer>



Appendix B: Info Session and Agenda Template Sample

Time	Presenter	Topic
7:00 pm – 7:03 pm	MC Introduces Parish Priest	Parish Priest welcomes everyone [3 min]
7:04 pm – 7:19 pm	MC Introduces Assistant Coordinator of Migrant Farm Worker Ministry	Overview of the Migrant Farm Worker Ministry [15 min]
7:20 pm – 7:35 pm	MC Introduces Coordinator of the Migrant Farm Worker Ministry	Spiritual Session [15 min]
7:36 pm – 7:41 pm	MC Introduces Lay Scalabrinian, Our Lady of Sorrows	Practical Session Begins with Fundraising and Donations [5 min]
7:42 pm – 7:47 pm	MC Introduces Lay Scalabrinian, St. Ann's	First Aid Kit Supplies and Donations [5 min]
7:48 pm – 7:58 pm	MC: Break for Refreshments	Intermission Break [10 min]
7:59 pm – 8:24 pm	MC Introduces five volunteers in the Migrant Farm Worker Ministry	Shares a story about the Migrant Farm Workers Ministry. [5 min / speaker]
8:25 pm – 8:35 pm	MC: Questions and Answers	[10 min]
8:36 pm – 8:41 pm	MC Introduces Lay Scalabrinian, Our Lady of Sorrows	The Migrant Farm Worker Ministry – Call to Action [5 min]
8:42 pm – 8:45 pm	MC Re-introduces Parish Priest	Closing prayer and blessings [3 min]



Appendix C: Template of Monthly Ministry Reports

Parish		
Coordinator		
Date		
Time		
Mass		
Celebrant		
Con Celebrant(s)		
Sisters present		
Reconciliation		
Approximate # participated		
Migrant Workers		
Approximate number of Workers	In attendance	
	Requesting rides	
Volunteers		
Approximate number of Volunteers	Providing rides	
	Hosting dinner	
	Other	
Other information to share		



Appendix D: Mass Planning Template

Description	In Charge	Day/Time	Status
PRE MASS PLANNING & DISCUSSION			
Communication – in RCAF events promotion (website, bulletin CWU updates, rcav.org webpage etc)			
Communication at Parish Level and all Invitations Create poster Invite nearby parishes			
Prepare Budget Food Posters Other costs			
Lectionary and Sacramentary (Spanish)			
Name Tags for planning team			
Prayers for the Faithful – prepare the prayers and translate in Spanish			
Choir – invite choir – identify will they sing all mass parts			
Media – identify in house photographer and journalist who will capture the day (inaugural mass)			
Invite BC Catholic – journalist and photographer (inaugural mass)			
Arrange for rides for Migrant Workers			
The Day of Mass			
Reserve pews – Lecturers, offertory,			
Greeters			
Ushers (collection)			
Altar Servers Training for Altar Servers (if required - for Archbishop Mitre and staff)			
Flowers, altar preparations			
Pastors – Greet Archbishop			
Identify commentator – someone who will talk for 2 minutes prior to the mass and welcome, turn off cell phone, remind people of the celebration following and introduce a Migrant worker for a testimonial (1 minute). Must be in Spanish/English.			
Identify farm workers for: Lectors, Psalm, Prayers for the Faithful , Bring up the Offertory Gifts			
Thank you to Archbishop – after communion			
Celebration			
Dinner - set up tables, prepare for meal (hot, cold tbd), Clean up			
Entertainment (optional)			
Mobile Umbrella Clinic will be on site			
Testimony from farm worker after dinner (optional)			



Appendix E: Hispanic Ministry Brochure - Side A



Trabajadores Agrícolas Temporales

Los trabajadores agrícolas temporales participan en la Eucaristía en Español, El Sacramento de Reconciliación, estudio bíblico, rezo del Rosario, grupos de oración y otras actividades que se ajustan al ajetreado horario de los trabajadores agrícolas. El ministerio en favor de los trabajadores agrícolas también provee asistencia práctica en forma de transportación, bicicletas, ropa, y otros artículos cuando es necesario.

Inmigrantes Hispanos

Todos son bienvenidos a la Celebración de la Eucaristía, sacramento de la Reconciliación, estudio bíblico, grupos de oración y otras actividades de las parroquias en español.



*Señor, haznos portadores de
esperanza, para que donde
haya oscuridad reine tu luz, y
donde haya resignación renazca
la confianza en el futuro.*

*Señor, haznos instrumentos
de tu justicia, para que donde
haya exclusión, florezca la
fraternidad, y donde haya
codicia, florezca la comunión.*

*Señor, haznos constructores de
tu Reino junto con los migrantes,
refugiados y con todos los
habitantes de las periferias.
Señor, haz que aprendamos
cuán bello es vivir como
hermanos y hermanas. Amén.*

— FRANCISCO —

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*El Ministerio Hispano alienta las prácticas de fe
y tradición de los grupos que hablan Español*





Appendix E: Hispanic Ministry Brochure - Side B



Lo que se hace

Ofrecemos cuidado pastoral para los inmigrantes recientes de habla hispana en Canadá, trabajadores agrícolas temporales, personas con visa de turista temporal de México e estudiantes internacionales de Países Hispanos. Estamos localizados en las parroquias y promovemos las prácticas de la fe católica y tradiciones de los grupos de habla hispana.

Misas en Español en la Arquidiócesis de Vancouver

Holy Rosary Cathedral
646 Richards Street
Vancouver, BC, V6B 3A3
Phone: (604) 682-6774
Domingos: 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Sorrows
555 Slocan Street
Vancouver, BC, V5K 3X5
Phone: (604) 254-0691
Martes y Viernes 6:30 pm
Domingo 1:00 pm Bilingüe 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish
10460—139th Street
Surrey, BC, V3T 4L5
Phone: (604) 581-4141
Sábados 5:30 pm
Facebook: Comunidad Católica Surrey

Saint Clare Parish
1320 Johnson Street
Coquitlam, BC V3B 4T5
Phone: (604) 941-4800
Domingos: 6:30 pm

Sacred Heart Parish
3900 Arthur Drive
Box 10 Delta, BC V4K 3N5
Phone: (604) 946-4522
Misa: Primer Sábado 7:30 pm
Rosario: Cada Martes 7:00 pm

Saint Joseph Parish
20676 Fraser Highway
Langley, BC, V3A 4G5
Phone: (604) 534-3303
Misa: Segundo Domingo 5:30 pm

Saint Ann Parish
33333 Mayfair Avenue
Abbotsford, BC, V2S 1P4
Phone: (604) 852-5602
Misa: Domingos 1:30 pm y Miércoles 7:00 pm & Segundo Sábado 7:00 pm

Precious Blood Parish
17475—59th Avenue
Surrey, BC, V3S 1P3
Phone: (604) 574-4363
Misa: Tercer Domingo 4:00 pm

Saint Luke Parish
20285 Dewdney Trunk Road
Maple Ridge, BC V2X 3C9
Phone: (604) 465-5383
Misa: Cuarto Domingo 3:00 pm (de Abril a Octubre)

Saint Mary Parish
8909 Mary Street
Chilliwack, BC V2P 4J4
Phone: (604) 792-2764
Misa: Último Domingo 6:30 pm

Appendix F: Brochure for Migrant Farm Worker Ministry - Side A



Become a Volunteer

The parish volunteer teams provide opportunities for the celebration of the Eucharist in Spanish, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, bible study, the recitation of the Rosary, prayer groups and other activities that can accommodate the farm workers busy schedules.

The Migrant Farm Worker Ministry also provides practical assistance in the form of transportation, bicycles, clothing, and other items when needed.



How to Start

Since migrant farm workers are considered vulnerable, volunteers must be cleared through the safe environment program which involves references and background checks.

Training will be provided.

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"I was a stranger and
you welcomed me."

MATTHEW 25:25



Appendix F: Brochure for Migrant Farm Worker Ministry - Side B



Why we serve the Migrant Farm Workers

In a Christ-like manner, volunteers of the Migrant Farm Worker Ministry are focused on the farm worker community to ensure pastoral care is provided while they reside and work in the Lower Mainland.

Why volunteer?

Many farm workers are lonely and feel isolated as they work and live in the shadows of our society. Volunteers help them to know that they are part of the Church, that they are not alone, and that God and the Blessed Mother are with them.



We serve the Migrant Farm Workers in seven parishes

Our Lady of Sorrows

Sacred Heart Parish in Delta

St. Ann's Parish in Abbotsford

St. Joseph's Parish in Langley

Precious Blood Parish in Surrey

St. Luke's Parish in Maple Ridge

St. Mary's Parish in Chilliwack



Our Volunteers

Volunteers are people who feel the call from God to live fully their vocation in service of migrant farm workers.

Volunteers recognize the face of Christ in each migrant farm worker.

Our volunteers assist migrant farm workers regardless of their culture, religion, language, or immigration status.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age and older and are willing to be of service.



Glossary

Hispanics	This term is used to mean “Spanish” speaking persons.
Immigrants	This term is used for persons who have migrated to Canada and reside here on a permanent basis.
Latin Americans	All Hispanics who arrive are from Central America, South America (including Brazil) and Mexico.
Migrants	Persons who arrive in Canada and remain here on a temporary basis.