### WHO are Catholics in the United States?

Non-Hispanic White	47.4
Hispanic	43%
African American	3.6%
Asian	5%
Native Americans	1%

### Preparing LEMs (and other ministers) to serve in a culturally diverse Church

Preparedness to serve in a multicultural Church

### LEM in Formation and the Question of Credentials and Pathways

# 47% LEMs in formation are Hispanic

17% in degree programs

#### The Professional Model and Other Models of Exercising LEM Tension or Possibilities

#### Who gets authorized (hired)?

### How do we affirm other possible models of LEM among immigrant communities?

Volunteer

Apostolic movements

#### The Dilemma of Age and Culture

LEMs in their 20s - 30s

LEMs in their 40s and early 50s

LEMs in their mid-50s and beyond

#### Investing Where Catholicism Is Growing



## Identifying, Mentoring, and Preparing U.S.-Born Hispanic LEMs

Approx. 60% of Catholics under 18 are Hispanic

The Vision of the V Encuentro: 20,000 new leaders. Is this possible?

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