



## The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin Clergy Spring Conference April 17-19, 2018

**REGISTRATION on line no later than April 6, 2018 at:**

**<https://diosanjoaquin.org/spring-clergy-conference-registration-2018/>**

The Spring Clergy Conference will be held at The Episcopal Conference Center, Oakhurst, CA April 17-19, 2018. The retreat will start at 2pm on April 17th and end after lunch on April 19th. Holy Eucharist will be at 3pm Tuesday. All priests, deacons, and postulants are encouraged to attend.

Challenging us to set aside our typecasts and seize new opportunities, The Episcopal Church's Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics conveys the opportunities for the Episcopal Church within the growing Latino/Hispanic population. "Such radically changing demographics should encourage the church to be courageous, resourceful, passionate and enthusiastic in its response to these new circumstances." We can grow vibrant and fruitful churches by inviting the Latino/Hispanic community to a welcoming and inclusive environment, sharing our rich liturgy and implementing innovative and pertinent programs.

The Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén will lead the retreat presentation with The Very Rev. Tom Callard, dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield MA, The Rev. Nancy Frausto, associate rector, St Lukes, Long Beach, CA, and The Rev. Al Rodriguez, Interim Director of Latino/Hispanic Studies, Seminary of the Southwest

**The Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén**  
Director, Ethnic Ministries  
Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministry  
The Episcopal Church Center



The Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén has been the Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center since 2005. As Missioner, Guillén developed the Episcopal Church's Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics which was adopted at General Convention in 2009. This Strategic Vision challenged the church to rethink the dynamics of ministering to today's Latino/Hispanic communities, the majority of whom are American-born Latinos characterized as multi-generation, English-dominant, or bilingual and bicultural. Currently, Guillén, together with a team of experienced leaders, have developed two programs which address this changing reality. One is a diocesan conference entitled: New Camino and the other is a church-wide course entitled: Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency. These two programs assist the church to explore the macro dynamics and the paradigm shift that has to take place in the traditional Latino/Hispanic ministry in order to address the urgency driven by the dramatic demographic, acculturation and Americanization of the multi-generation Latino. This change in the demographics has led Guillén to embrace social media as one of the greatest tools for evangelism and formation, given that Latinos are the most "wired" in the country.

Guillén is committed to raising and equipping a large network of "digital disciples" that together can spread the Gospel and introduce people to the Episcopal Church. Guillén and the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries yearn for a church that embodies the multiethnic, multilingual and multicultural context we live in today. The vision is to make the Episcopal Church known to Latino/Hispanic communities that they may experience our church and embrace it as their spiritual home.