

# SPIRITUAL LIFE

We must avoid the neglect of interior life/spiritual conversion as the primary task of the Christian person. Our everyday witness and discipleship is the foundational dynamic of evangelization.

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# THE FAMILY

Pressures on the family – secularization; socioeconomic dynamics: employment, education, incarceration, health disparities. These pressures give rise to an opportunity for societal transformation on matters relating to marriage and family life.

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# KNOWLEDGE

- Not sharing “our story”
- Pastoral leadership must be clear about what has happened, and what is happening, regarding evangelization in the Black community.

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# DIVERSITY

Emphasis on one culture cannot be to the detriment of another culture.

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# CO-RESPONSIBILITY

Collective responsibility (on the part of the entire Church) to support and utilize apostolates toward the evangelization of all.

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# COMMUNION

Developing coalitions of Church apostolates and leaders across cultures toward mutual support and evangelization.

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# COMMUNICATIONS

Utilization of the means of social communication and related technologies to share the Gospel message and our participation in God's saving work.

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# **BROUGHT TO FULFILLMENT**

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# NEXT STEPS

It's Better Together

Develop a cultural diversity advisory group in each diocese/region to engage local Catholics to convene conversation/experience similar to the 2010 Catholic Cultural Diversity Network Convocation.

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Resurrect our pastoral plan from the National Black Catholic Congress in 1987 with any eye toward emerging cultural identities among youth and young adults and developing new leadership.

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# FURTHER DIALOGUE

Clarification is needed regarding USCCB Pastoral Priority #1, which states, *"Recognize cultural diversity in the Church with emphasis on Hispanic ministry in the spirit of Encuentro 2000."*

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