



## President's Message/Mensaje del Presidente

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### **Miriam Hidalgo**

This past summer has been incredibly enlightening for me as a Hispanic Catholic millennial living in the United States. First off, the NCCL FCH Pre-Conference that took place on May 21, 2017 was another wonderful and fruitful gathering. We thank our speaker, Mr. Mario Paredes for his insightful presentation about transformative leadership in the Hispanic community.

In July, I attended the USCCB's Catholic Convocation on the Joy of the Gospel in the United States. This gathering took place in Orlando, Florida, with more than 3,000 delegates from almost every diocese in the country. I was amazed by the energy and enthusiasm from the faith community. I was most impressed by the presence of all the Catholic bishops and their willingness and eagerness to spend quality time with the laity and listen to their concerns. It was an unprecedented event which left all the attendees burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit and excited to share with others their experience. The Hispanic/Latino community was very much present and given a space in most of the panels to discuss relevant needs and concerns.

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## Plan to Gather with FCH at NCCL 2018 and for June 2 Post-Conference

Details and registration for May 30-June 2 in Chicago area coming soon!



**FCH**  
**Annual Gathering**  
*During NCCL 2018*

May 30 - June 2, 2018  
 Hyatt Regency O'Hare  
 Rosemont, IL

More details to come!

Get Curriculum

## FCH Goes to Hollywood



NCCL and FCH collaborated in creating a six-part curriculum that explores key elements from the first Christmas and everyday life, including: prayer, friendship, divine providence, vocation, the Christmas story and Las Posadas. Watch special movie clips from **THE STAR** as you learn how the characters helped each other and followed God's destiny for their lives. Each lesson is packed with prayer, activities, Scripture, faith-sharing questions and times of reflection.

Download the Catholic Curriculum on [TheStar](http://TheStar.org) website or on [nccl.org](http://nccl.org) in both English and Spanish.

## Get Curriculum

# Introduction of New Secretary/Nuevo Secretario

The Federation for Catechesis with Hispanics leadership team officially welcomes our new Secretary: Jose Coronel

Gracias Jose, for your willingness to serve on the FCH Leadership Team. We look forward to working collaboratively.

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# Do Young People Run Your Diocese?



## Nicole Perone

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Most people don't dream of working for the institutional church; it's not high on the list for childhood career days or suggestions of what to be when one grows up. But I'm not most people.

As my time at Yale Divinity School came to a conclusion, my vocational discernment reached a turning point: I knew pretty generally that I was being called to work for the church, but I did not see the next step very clearly. The opportunity to enter diocesan work after graduation arose at the same time as other opportunities in Catholic nonprofits, some more in my comfort zone. I took the time to

properly discern where God needed me to be and how God wanted me to use my gifts in service to the church. What became clear in prayer was this: I had spent time advocating for women and young people to take on meaningful leadership roles in the church, and now was the time for me to put my money where my mouth was.

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## Pray about Serving on the FCH Leadership Team

May the Spirit of the Lord continue to guide us in our mission to serve those who minister in catechesis with Hispanics.

**President:** Miriam Hidalgo (2016-2019)  
**Vice President:**\* Diana Pizarro (2015-2018)  
**Secretary:** Jose Coronel (2017-2020)  
**Treasurer:** Marta Quinones (2016-2019)  
**Membership:**\* Lori Dahlhoff (2015-2018)  
**Communications:**\* *vacant*  
**Grants:**\* *vacant*

*\* seeking nominations for Spring 2018 elections*



L to R: Diana, Lori, Miriam, Jose, Marta



FCH Leadership Team shares a laugh while working hard in November 8-10, 2017 meeting.

Thank you, Archdiocese of Hartford, for your hospitality!

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