

*You are invited to attend
the Wilmington Diocesan Training Conference
BIC: Building Intercultural Connections
at Holy Rosary, Claymont, DE
on Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM(to include Mass)*

For Who: All Catholics interested in building stronger parishes and a more Joy-filled Church! All those desiring to “*Love thy neighbor as yourself.*”

Goals: *Building Intercultural Connections [BIC]* is intended to help all of us shape the Church of the future, filled with believers from all different backgrounds. It challenges us to *investigate why* we think, believe, and act the ways we do, and *helps us to learn* these things about others as well. [BIC] provides an opportunity for participants to *attain a foundational level of understanding* in intercultural relations and communication skills.

Origin: The outstanding curriculum was designed by the Committee on Cultural Diversity of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and has been tested and refined here and in dioceses throughout the USA. Curriculum workbook will be available.

Highlights include: Presentations and conversations between diverse sisters and brothers, prayer, lively music, a variety lunch menu, and a lively closing multi-cultural mass which will fulfill Sunday obligation.

Cost: Free. A 5\$ donation can be made for coffee, pastries, and a delicious multi-cultural lunch. **You are invited to bring an ethnic dish to share, if you are able.** The optional workbooks will be available (bilingual English/Spanish) for purchase @ \$10.

This event is sponsored by: The Diocese of Wilmington, in partnership with the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops. Great “Continuing Ed” credit and “workplace sensitivity training.” Certificate available on request.

Program Objectives:

1. Increase awareness regarding how to communicate appropriately and effectively with persons and groups in cultures other than one’s own.
2. Provide a rationale for the inclusion and integration of diverse cultural groups into the life and mission of the parish and diocese.
3. To obtain knowledge, attitudes, and skills in intercultural and interracial relations, which are indispensable for all parishes to be able to engage in the Church’s evangelizing mission to preach, teach, and witness to the Gospel

Language: 2 break-out sessions will be conducted in Spanish. Unfortunately the only two native languages we can currently provide are English and Spanish, due to limited current faculty ability. Speakers of other native languages are encouraged to bring interpreters for simultaneous translation.

For further information contact:

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What are they saying about BIC? Reaction of some participants from recent BIC conference:

- *"Most informative and honest conference I have ever attended. Sharings were right from the heart!"*
- *"Concepts were presented in the most understandable manners."*
- *"Excellent examples."*
- *"Great variety of format."*
- *"The team was so well prepared."*
- *"Great information."*
- *"Moved quickly."*
- *"The variety of so many ethnic dishes at lunch was so nice."*
- *"Multi-cultural entertainment was great!"*
- *"We need to have more gatherings like this in the future."*
- *"Being part of BIC is a gift."*
- *"I stayed the whole day!"*

Experience BIC!

To register: Complete the form below and fax to [\(302\) 655-7684](tel:3026557684); or mail to the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Office, 1010 W. Fourth Street, Wilmington, DE 19805; or complete online registration on diocesan website www.cdow.org and click into the *News and Upcoming Events Section*.

Registration deadline:

For March 7 BIC at Holy Rosary, Claymont: **February 24**

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Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone numbers: _____

E-mail: _____