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## Juan G. Lozada Roca Named Coordinator of Spanish Apostolate

ROCHESTER, April 15, 2005 - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester today announced the appointment of Juan G. Lozada Roca as Diocesan Coordinator of the Spanish Apostolate/ Instituto, effective Monday, April 18. He will coordinate the programs and services offered through the Office of the Spanish Apostolate and El Instituto de Pastoral Hispano (Hispanic Pastoral School) of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry.

His outreach to the Hispanic community will include:

- Working with staff and lay leaders to articulate a diocesan vision of Hispanic Ministry and establishing long range goals and strategies related to that vision
- Collaborating with diocesan and parish leadership to increase and improve resources and services in response to the needs of the Hispanic community
- Coordinating and evaluating the program of formation at St. Bernard's, and working with community leaders in developing educational training that is comprehensive, pastoral and multicultural for all baptized, Spanish-speaking Catholics in the diocese
- Promoting dialogue, networking and collaboration with and among parish, diocesan, regional and national Hispanic leadership, including ecumenical and secular social agencies and organizations working with Hispanic groups.

Lozada Roca comes to Rochester from Puerto Rico where, in 1998, Bishop Fremiot Torres Oliver, bishop of the Diocese of Ponce, Puerto Rico, professed him as a missionary brother in the Congregation of St. John the Evangelist, in Penuelas, Puerto Rico. From 1998 to the present, he led marriage and other parish retreats, and was invited to speak to a number of different Catholic groups, including some associated with charismatic renewal and the Legion of Mary.

Since 1994, he has been a member of the ministerial staff of Ministro Cristo Rey (Christ the King Parish) in Corozal, Puerto Rico. His duties included visiting and bringing the Holy Eucharist to sick parishioners, comforting the mourning and blessing the homes of parishioners. He also served as a Catechist and taught preparatory courses for parents of children celebrating First Communion.

“Juan’s spiritual enthusiasm and strong leadership will enrich our entire Diocese, especially at this time,” said Bernard Grizard, director of Parish Support Ministries. “We live in a diverse cultural environment in need of pastoral leaders like Juan. We welcome him with open arms and are thankful for the gifts and talents he will bring to us all through his work at Parish Support Ministries, particularly to our Hispanic brothers and sisters.”

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