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Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Revelation tells us that in the Kingdom of God every 'family, language, people, and nation' will be gathered together to sing the praises of the one Lamb who was slain, though in their own idiom. This same glorious reality is anticipated in the life of the Church, though sometimes obscured by our failings.

We can see an example of this diversely common life in the Latino parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. This Convention we would like to hold their gifts and contributions up for celebration: Arriba! These parishes are themselves diverse, but they share the sense of joy in the Gospel, as well as of the vocation 'para compartir,' of shared life as itself sacramental. Our Scriptural theme here will be walking together to Emmaus. They have a vigorous array of diaconal, serving ministries.

We are in Convention enjoying fellowship, celebrating ministries at present, and, also thinking together about what the Holy Spirit is opening up ahead of us as a diocese. Hispanic ministry will surely be important in the years ahead. As always, this does not exist only for itself, but also pro ecclesia, 'por la iglesia,' for the Church. In all this may the Lord give us a spirit of praise and thanksgiving,

la alabanza y accion de gracias, paz,