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Synopsis

The Hispanic presence in the Church in the United States is profoundly reshaping the direction and character of Catholicism in this country. As we reach the end of the first decade of the twenty-first century, nearly half the Catholic population is Hispanic and it is estimated that by 2050 Latinos/as will constitute the vast majority of U.S. Catholics. Hispanic Catholics as a group bring abundant gifts to the Church in the United States yet together face many challenges. As the century unfolds, the achievements and struggles of Hispanic Catholics will be undoubtedly perceived as those of the whole Church in the U.S. Hosffman Ospino brings an edited collection of essays written by leading voices in the field of ministry and theology that explore the present and future of Catholic Hispanic Ministry. The essays were crafted as study documents for a national symposium on this topic and were edited for further reflection in ministerial and academic contexts. This Book offers an important contribution to understand the future character of Catholicism in the U.S.

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Hosffman Ospino, born in Colombia and currently living in the United States, teaches pastoral theology and religious education at Boston College where he is the director of the university's graduate programs in Hispanic Ministry. He holds a doctorate in theology and education from Boston College. His writings concentrate on the conversation between faith and culture in culturally diverse contexts and how this conversation shapes Christian education and ministry. Dr. Ospino is an officer of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS) and a member of several other academic organizations. He has lectured in various parts of the United States, Europe, and Latin America on the impact of cultural diversity in the Church, theology, and Catholic education. The contributors for this edition are: Arturo Chavez, Mexican American Catholic College; Raul Gomez Ruiz, SDS, Sacred Heart School of Theology; Alicia Marill and Jorge Presmanes, OP, Barry University; Timothy Matovina, University of Notre Dame; Elsie Miranda, Barry University; Ken Johnson Mondragon, Instituto Fe y Vida; Hosffman Ospino, Boston College.

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It is a good book giving a summary of how Hispanic Ministry has been carried out in the US. At the end it presents a challenge to have an open attitude towards reaching out to all cultures and languages in the Church, at the local level.

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