

Spanish programs
for
**Catholic
Clergy**



Welcome to Olé!

Do you or your **Catholic clergy** have the need to communicate in Spanish and understand your Hispanic parishioners? We can help by teaching you the Spanish that you need to know!

WHAT WE OFFER:

In the US, Hispanic communities are growing. There are over 60 million Hispanics today. **Catholic Priests, seminarians, nuns and other Catholic clergy** have specific needs to reach these communities and your Hispanic parishioners. We offer the tools to make that happen.

For the last 15 years we have worked closely with several **Catholic institutions** and seminaries by designing **TAILORED-MADE** programs to help fulfill these needs.

CLASSES CAN BE:

- **Online**
- **In person**
- **HYBRID** (a combination of Online & in person)
- For **individual** students, or
- For **groups**

You can choose how many hours you'd like to study & for how long, then we can suggest the best way to accomplish your goals

"Thank you for the opportunity to learn Spanish. It has been a wonderful experience and it will be of great use in ministry going forward!"
Fray Tadeo





- **Online** - Choose additional activities to complement our Spanish program and have more practice. **Please see our example of an online program further ahead in this brochure.*
- **In person** at our school in Querétaro, México. Additional cultural classes, city tours, fieldtrips (to such places as: *Basilica de Guadalupe, Teotihuacan, etc.*), homestay, among others, helps you live a total immersion program. **Please see our example of an in-person program further ahead in this brochure.*
- **HYBRID** (online pre- and/or post-arrival to México).

Group or private classes to choose from, or a combination of both, completely individualized.

Objectives:

These **TAILORED-MADE** programs help you learn or improve your Spanish by giving you the tools necessary to develop skills so you can interact in Spanish and understand the Hispanic culture in your communities and in your Churches.

SPANISH CURRICULA FOR CATHOLIC CLERGY

- All of our classes are given entirely in Spanish.
- They are designed according to the language standards of ACTFL and the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference)
- We have created an effective combination to enrich our Spanish program and practice the four skills of any language:
 - speaking
 - writing
 - listening comprehension
 - reading comprehension

- **GRAMMAR & STRUCTURE OF SPANISH**
- **GENERAL & CATHOLIC VOCABULARY**
- **CATHOLIC THEMES**
- **LATIN CULTURE THEMES**

Catholic & culture themes - Vocabulary and its context is focused on **Catholic themes and Hispanic culture**, helping you understand its usage in real life situations and in religious themes. (Such as: *Mass celebration in Spanish, First Communions, Mass Missals, Catholic vocabulary, main prayers, Liturgy vocabulary, among others.*)





Classes will be reinforced with videos (Online-program) or city tours (In-person program) about Querétaro and the different churches in México, Mass in Spanish, songs sung in Mass, activities that will help with the class subject of the day, Mexican songs, etc.

Students will be assigned to different native-speaking Spanish teachers who will help you learn by applying Spanish in real-life situations, the simplest and most practical way possible to learn a language.

Example of a class which combines all elements:

Quinceañeras en México

Objective - gives you the tools to understand your parishioners in Spanish as well as the cultural differences and to be able to serve them in a better way.

During this lesson, you will learn the **Catholic vocabulary** by readings from the daily Mass, songs, prayers, confessions and they will also practice your Homily. It is important you learn about and better understand Hispanic traditions. You learn about these celebrations through videos, articles and other activities. You will understand the importance of this in our culture so you can celebrate “**XV años**” masses in your congregations and create special bonds to your parishioners. Your will be practicing and using the structures of Spanish you have learned in your grammar class.






BACKGROUND, REPORTS & CERTIFICATES

For you to get the best results possible, we have created this personalized learning ecosystem for each student.

Our program is built to fulfill the criteria with the language standards of ACTFL and the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference), which go from levels A1 (beginners) to C2 (advanced). Special emphasis is always given to an action-oriented approach to develop faster speaking skills as set by the Communicative Standards of the European framework.

At the start, in the middle, and at the end of the program **olé** will send an updated ecosystem informing your progress, if you are learning according to the plan, or if your progress is faster or slower than planned.

At the end of each program, we will send your institution your transcript and each of you will receive a **diploma**.



LEARNING ECOSYSTEMS

START LEVEL	ACTUAL LEVEL	TARGET LEVEL	TOTAL HOURS	LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM
Explore (level test)	Weekly reports over the student's progress through continuous evaluation	Certificat (ITE)	4 hrs / day Total 150 hrs	5 weeks

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY LEVEL

A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
Beginner	Elementary	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Advanced	Proficient
Can understand and use familiar expressions and phrases in simple situations and can describe personal details.	Can use very basic structures and phrases in simple situations and can describe personal details.	Can briefly describe and identify an activity or future plans, and can describe personal details.	Can communicate confidently in a variety of academic and professional environments.	Can use the language fluently and accurately for both academic and professional purposes.	Can interact with ease and confidence in a native-speaker environment.
90 hours	180 hours	350 hours	500 hours	700 hours	1000+ hours



Academic Transcript

Name: _____
 University / Program: _____
 Start date: _____
 Finish date: _____
 Total Hours: _____

STRUCTURE CLASS	GRADE	CULTURE CLASS	GRADE
Homework 20%	xxx	Homework 20%	xxx
Participation 30%	xxx	Oral Participation 40%	xxx
Written Weekly Exam 30%	xxx	Cultural Themes & vocabulary 10%	xxx
Oral weekly evaluation 40%	xxx	Religious Themes & vocabulary 20%	xxx
Grade (70-100)	xxx	Grade 30-100	xxx

EXCELLENCE A (90-100)
 GOOD B (80-89)
 AVERAGE C (70-79)
 BAD D (60-69)
 POOR F (50 and below)

FINAL GRADE 96

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EXAMPLE OF AN ONLINE TAILORED-MADE PROGRAM

8 weeks, 4 hours of private classes per day

The class is taken through a digital platform with a live teacher and we use learning apps to make the class more dynamic, and create a fun learning experience.

Structure: 3 hours per day

In this class we give you the structure to learn Spanish, focused on **Catholic lifestyles** and using words related to their environment. The goal is for you to communicate in Spanish plus, to understand the daily lives of your parishioners.

For example: in one class the students learn how to “express wishes” in Spanish.

Using phrases as “ojalá asista mucha gente a la celebracion” (“*hope a lot of people attend mass*”), “espero que puedan leer la lectura en español” (“*hope we can read the lecture in Spanish*”). We give and explain the structure and you apply them by giving examples.



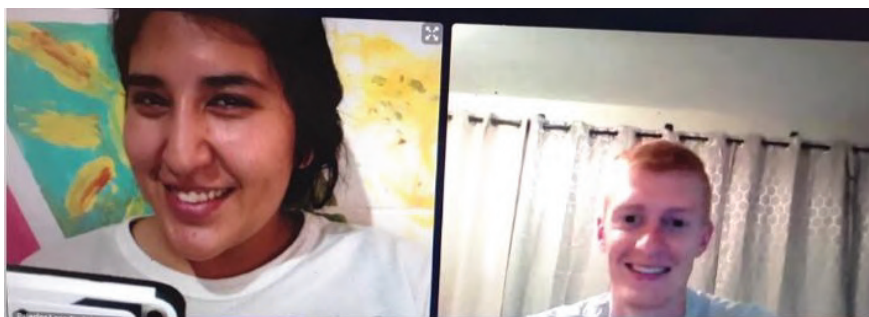
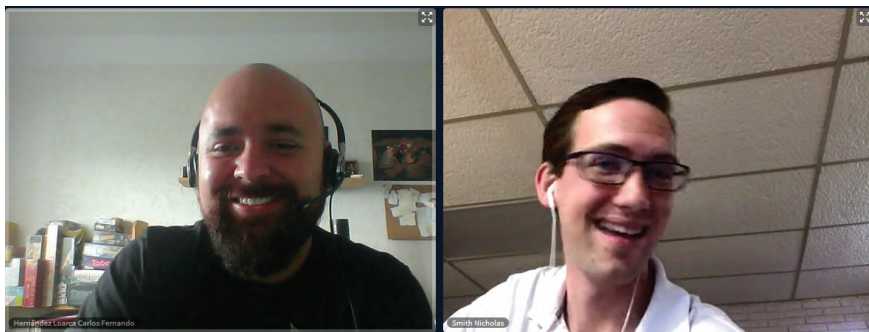


Culture & Religion: 1 hour per day

During this time you learn **Catholic vocabulary** by readings from the daily Mass, songs, prayers, confessions and they also practice your Homily. Beyond the vocabulary it is important to understand Mexican culture by knowing their traditions. Most traditions have a spiritual meaning and we use themes like: Holy Week in México where we:

- Read articles and see videos the tradition
- Explain the meaning to the **Catholics in México**, all the festivities around this, why there are processions and how we live Holy Week
- Visit the houses, the crucifixion, etc.

You'll also learn about "mandas" and all true sacrifices Mexicans offer God. All this using vocabulary and use the structures learned during your stay at our school.



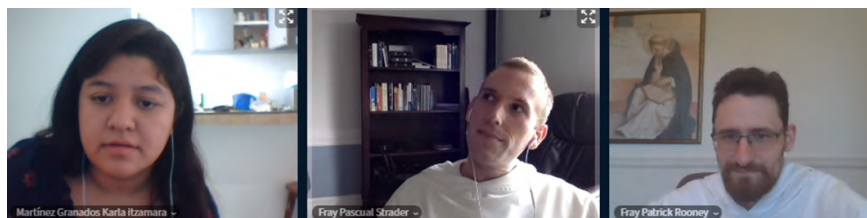


Additional activities to compliment Online Spanish program for Catholic Clergy.

We believe these activities will help you better understand the Mexican culture as well as offer oral practice in different scenarios.

LIVELY *chitchat*

Group conversations with a small online gathering of three to five seminarians with one **Olé** teacher. In some cases, we may have also a special guest.



Cultural class in English

Cultural group class with all the students in the program. The cultural classes will be in English. Sometimes an **Olé** teacher will give this, other times, a guest speaker.

The cultural classes will include some of the following themes, among others (if you wish us to address any specific subject, please let us know and we can work on that):

- “Mexican food” (different types of food throughout México while the teacher shows you how to cook Enchiladas)
- Mexican history
- Mexican Catholic festivities and traditions (“Quinceañeras”, Virgin of Guadalupe, Easter, Christmas, etc.)
- Day of the dead and funerals in México
- Catholicism in México
- Mexican traditions in some of the Sacraments (baptism, marriage, communion, etc.)
- Guest Speaker or Interview- Priest to talk about life in México as a priest, among others.



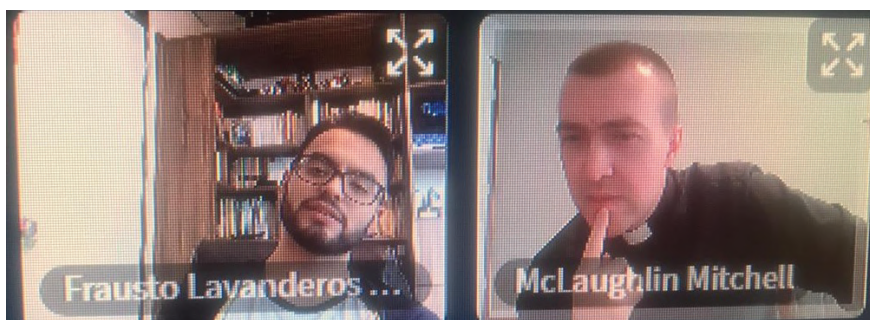
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Olé Activity- Mexican music and songs, Mexican Expressions, word of the week (with specified activity for that word), among others.



Mexican Pal LIVELY chit chat: informal conversation with a Mexican who is neither a teacher nor a tourist guide. The objective is for the you to practice informal conversation while meeting a Mexican.

“Call center”: is a space for all students who wish to ask specific questions in Spanish or Mexican culture or any subject seen in their classes during the week. One **Olé** teacher will be available and all students who wish to participate can join.

****You can choose different options and we will design an *Online program* to fit your individual needs****





EXAMPLE OF AN IN PERSON TAILORED-MADE PROGRAM

The advantage of coming to our school, is living the Mexican experience, such as living with a Mexican family, having additional activities (like playing games, practicing conversation, going on city tours, enjoying your homestay, fieldtrips, weekend trips, etc.)

8 weeks, 5 hours of private classes per day

Structure: 3 hours per day

In this class we give you the structure to learn Spanish, focused on **Catholic lifestyles** and using words related to their environment. The goal is for you to communicate in Spanish plus, to understand the daily lives of your parishioners. In this course we use immersion role as a tool in the learning process making it easier, faster and fun.

For example: in one class you learn the “imperativo” after the teacher’s explanation, they classify verbs and give examples you could use in your Church to your parishioners.



“...Now I feel more confident speaking Spanish and I can see what a beautiful language it is...”
Dale Mallory





2 hours of cultural & religious conversation per day

During this time, you learn **Catholic vocabulary** by readings from the daily Mass, songs, prayers, Holy week in México, Christmas in México, Mass, Prayers, confessions and also you practice your Homily. Apart from vocabulary, it is important you understand Mexican identity by knowing the traditions. There are visits to historic sites and Churches in the city. For example, we read some lectures from Mass; you talk about the reading and give your thoughts, during this you are learning vocabulary and applying the structure learned in the first class. For example:

Lectura del Santo Evangelio según San Mateo 8, 23-27

En aquel tiempo, subió Jesús a la barca, y sus discípulos lo siguieron.

En esto se produjo una tempestad tan fuerte, que la barca desaparecía entre las olas; él dormía. Se acercaron y lo despertaron gritándole:

«¡Señor, sálvanos, que perecemos!».

Él les dice:

«¿Por qué tenéis miedo, hombres de poca fe?».

Se puso en pie, increpó a los vientos y al mar y vino una gran calma. Los hombres se decían asombrados:

«¿Quién es este, que hasta el viento y el mar lo obedecen?».





EXTRA ACTIVITIES WE OFFER

• CULTURAL CLASSES with city tour

Historical sites are walking distance from **Olé**. As you can see below, several of the visits are divided by themes of the history of México. You can choose as many cultural classes as you wish to include in the program.

Some of our Cultural classes with city visits:

- "Independence of México"
- Theme: "Maximiliano, the Emperor (first part)"
- Theme: "Mexican Revolution and Constitution"
- Theme: "Churches in Querétaro"
- Visit: "Market" & cook guacamole.
- Visit: "Museo del Arte.
- among others



• MEXICAN PAL

The Mexican Pal Program pairs a native Spanish speaker with three or four students. Together, they will practice Spanish, get to know the city and understand more about Mexican culture in an informal way.

• COOKING CLASS AND VISIT TO THE MARKET

• SALSA DANCE CLASS

• FIELDTRIPS AND WEEKEND TOURS:

- Guanajuato
- San Miguel de Allende
- Bernal, Cavas Freixenet and Tequisquiapan
- Bernal + Swimming at waterpark trip
- Teotihuacán Pyramids
- México City
- Basílica de Guadalupe in México City
- among others

You can choose different options and we will tailor an **In-person program** to fit your individual needs





WHO WE ARE

Olé Center for Spanish and Culture is located just 200 km north of México City, downtown in the beautiful, historical, colonial city of Querétaro, México. In 1996, the city was named “Cultural Heritage of Mankind” by UNESCO. We have been in operation for 24 years, welcoming students from many countries. **Olé** is member of recognized international associations and has been working with well-known and respected organizations and agencies worldwide. We also take part in important youth travel and study-abroad events and in language conferences.

We are pleased to offer what we do best: teaching Spanish & our culture. We want to work with you, either with individual students or with groups. We would be happy to explain our program further detail and send you additional information about our school.

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TESTIMONIALS

"...I learned a lot and improved my Spanish... although I was not able to be in Querétaro... you made me feel like I was there with you..."

Nicholas Smith

"I loved your Spanish program it was very exciting taking classes and learning so much... my teacher were great making the class fun"

Timoteo

"My Summer at Ole

During my summer of intensive Spanish study through Ole's online instruction program, I had the wonderful opportunity to develop my Spanish skills under the guidance of competent and friendly instructors... I would heartily recommend Olé to anyone interested in developing their skills in the Spanish language. Thanks Olé!"

Br. Athanasius Thompson, O.P.

"I appreciate all the effort you have put to make this a great experience... Many thanks to make this program possible and enjoyable for all of us. I learned a lot and had fun in the process! Muchas gracias"

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