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MEMORANDUM

TO: Participants in the Lay Ministry Program
FROM: Nelsa I. Elías, Associate Director
SUBJECT: Creating Communion in a Culturally Diverse Faith Community Course
DATE: Spring Semester

The upcoming course entitled “Creating Communion in a Culturally Diverse Faith Community” begins very shortly. The purpose of this memo is to alert you to the fact that the very first class session will include an activity that requires your preparation.

The course begins with the following exercise that will allow participants to speak from the experience of their own culture/ethnicity as it is experienced in their home, neighborhood, church, job, etc.

For the first class session, bring the oldest picture you have of your grandparents and something that represents your culture. You will be asked to briefly share the story reflected in the picture and the object. (Based on *Salsa, Soul, and Spirit: Leadership for a Multicultural Age* by Juana Bordas, page 56.)

Please come to the first class prepared for this activity.