



BIO: Silvio Cuellar was born in Córdoba, Argentina, raised in Bolivia and immigrated to the United States in 1990. He is a pastoral musician, composer, journalist and presenter on liturgy, life and family topics. He currently serves as coordinator of the Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, Freelance Editor of the newspaper El Católico de Rhode Island, Director of the Spanish Choir at St. Patrick Parish, in Providence and Director of Music at Holy Spirit Parish in Central Falls, RI directing 2 choirs in English and 2 in Spanish.

Silvio has many years of experience facilitating workshops and retreats for Hispanic choirs, youth, and families. For the past twenty years he has been a member of the Diocesan Hispanic Liturgy Committee. He is a co-founder and General Secretary of the Association of Hispanic Pastoral Musicians (amphe.org) and also serves as the Co-Chair of Episcopal Region 1, for the V Encuentro. As a writer and journalist Silvio has received many awards from the Catholic Press Association (CPA) including "Best Editorial" in 2005, best column for "Rincón de la Familia" (Family Corner) in 2011, 2012, 2015 & 2018 and second place for Excellence as a Writer / Editor in 2013 and 2022.

He currently lives in Rhode Island and is married to his wife, Becky, for 29 years. They have seven children who share the talent, faith and love for music, performing concerts, retreats and evenings of praise and witness as a family and individually in both English, Spanish or bilingually.

Noches de Familia/Family Nights

The Cuellar Family is very active in youth and young adult ministry and often facilitates family nights of praise and witness in English, Spanish or bilingual. Alex (29), Emily (26) and David (24) are all recipients of the St Timothy Award, the highest recognition for Catholic youth. They have facilitated retreats (Pascua Juvenil) in Hartford, New Heaven, Worcester, Bridgeport, Buffalo, and Providence. **Alex Cuellar** is the Coordinator of the Music Ministry, youth and young adult leader at St. Patrick Church in Providence, Holy Cross Family Ministries in North Eaton, MA and the musical director of the Ascension Music Ministry. He also leads the Music at Ascend/Glorify diocesan Adoration nights. **Emily Cuellar** attended Salve Regina University graduating with a triple major in 2018 with a BA in Music, Psychology and Philosophy. After years of service as a youth minister, she entered religious life and become at Novice with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal on 2022. **David Cuellar** is also a dynamic speaker and drummer, and along with Sister **Grace Cuellar**, are pastoral musicians serving at different parishes, and former members of the Diocesan Youth Leadership Team.

Options:

- a) **Family Night of Praise and Witness:** Concert, with witness in English, Spanish or Bilingual. (Youth, parents, or both)
- b) **Half Day Retreat:** Mini retreat Saturday morning with prayer, music, teaching, Group sharing/activities, and witness.



To plan a concert, workshop or retreat call **401-714-8096** email: cantenalsenor@gmail.com
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For Silvio's published music visit: <http://www.ocpenespanol.org/artists/66410>

Look for our ministry: www.facebook.com/CuellarFamilyMusic YouTube: [YouTube.Com/SilvioCuellarMusic/](https://www.youtube.com/SilvioCuellarMusic/)

Silvio's Family columns can be found at: www.thericatholic.com/espanol o www.facebook.com/elcatolicoderi

Workshops for Choirs and Music Ministries in Spanish (Silvio)

1. **Antes que Músicos somos Discípulos. La espiritualidad del Músico pastoral.** (Before musicians we are disciples; the spirituality of the pastoral musician.) This presentation will focus on ideas of how to live the faith outside of the liturgy, with practical suggestions for choir members and musicians.
2. **Canten Al Señor: Lo que nos enseña la Iglesia sobre la Música en la Liturgia.** A presentation exploring the document Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship with practical suggestions.
3. **Cantando los Salmos, el Salmista.** (Singing the Psalms, the Psalmist)
4. **Fundamentos Básicos para leer Música.** (Basic fundamentals of how to read music)
5. **Música para Bodas, Quinceañeras y Funerales.** (Music for weddings, quinceañeras and funerals)
6. **El Guitarrista Litúrgico 1: Diferentes Ritmos una sola Fe.** (The Liturgical Guitarist 1: Many Rhythms one Faith)
7. **El Guitarrista en el Ministerio de Música. Combinando diferentes instrumentos efectivamente.** (The Guitarist in the Music Ministry: combining many instruments effectively)
8. **Liturgias Multiculturales y Multilingües: Unidad en Diversidad.** (Multicultural Liturgies, Unity in diversity)
9. **Usando la tecnología (iPhone, iPad, y medios sociales) para comunicarse con sus coros y facilitar el aprendizaje de nuevas canciones.** (Using technology [smart phones, tablets and social media] to communicate effectively with your choirs and facilitate rehearsals and learning new music)
10. **El Ministerio del Coro: Organizando una ensayo efectivo. Ejercicios y técnicas de vocalización.** (The Ministry of the Choir. Running an effective rehearsal, vocal exercises and suggestions)
11. **El Ministerio de Música en el Grupo de Oración. Sugerencias de un repertorio de cantos de compositores católicos contemporáneos.** (The Music Ministry in the Prayer Meeting. Practical suggestions.)

Workshops and retreats for families/parents in Spanish

- 1) **La Comunicación en el Hogar; Clave para una Familia Sana.** (Communication in the Home; Key for a Healthy Family). 1 session. Duration: 1 – 1½ hrs.
- 2) **Fundamentos de una Disciplina Efectiva.** In this workshop parents will learn about common discipline styles and learn how to listen actively and use consequences, motivation and effective communication as well as family meetings. 1 sesión. Duración: 1 hora – 1½ horas.
- 3) **Familias Creando un Círculo de Paz y Amor.** (Families Creating a Circle of Peace and love). 3-5 sessions for parents and or families with prayer, music, teaching, group sharing/activities and witness. Duration: 1 – 1½ hrs.
- 4) **7 Consejos para vivir la Fe en el Hogar:** (in this presentation parents will learn 7 ideas to live the faith at home, with suggestions from Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter, *Amoris Laetitia*)



Workshops history and References

Since 2003, Silvio has facilitated workshops, retreats, concerts and also led and gave teachings at prayer meetings in parishes, diocesan events and conferences in:

St. Louis MO, Las Vegas NE, Tampa FL, Camden NJ, Richmond VA, Manassas VA, Alexandria VA, Buffalo, Rochester, Long Island NY, Hartford CT, New London CT, Willimantic CT, Bridgeport CT, New Bedford MA, Boston MA, Cape Code MA, Nantucket Island MA, Attleboro, MA, Baltimore MD and Providence RI.

1. - **Rev. James Ruggieri**, Pastor of St. Patrick Church, in Providence, RI where Silvio Cuéllar serves as Director of Music and Liturgy since 2014. (401)-595-8717 FrJamesRuggieri@outlook.com

2. - **Rev. Nolasco Tamayo**, Director of the Multicultural Ministry of the Diocese of Providence. (401)-4217833 x237 ntamayo@dioceseofprovidence.org

3.- **Damaris Thillet**, Associate Director of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Camden, NJ and President of AMPHE (The Association of Hispanic Pastoral Musicians) (856)208-7796 damaristhillet@gmail.com

4.- **Angel Correa**, Director of the Spanish Choir of Santa Maria Estrella del Mar in New London, CT and Vice-President of AMPHE. (860)208-7796. correa.angelm@gmail.com