

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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Hispanics are fully as American as every other person because they share their faith in the enduring truth of the nature of equal rights, freedom, respect, and opportunity. And so our nation is more than just a collection of diverse and beautiful cultures. America is the living foundation on which many cultures can flourish in freedom.

We, as Americans, sometimes fail to live up to our own high standards, but America is at its best when it strives to make this ideal a reality, teaching by words and actions that every man and woman on earth is entitled to the same tolerance, respect, and love.

Hispanic heritage is more alive and more honored in this free nation than in the nations where rights, heritage, and need to survive are still denied. The American idea also represents a purpose for the whole world.

The streams of immigrants who have joined the USA or want to, and the imitations of political institutions in our countries show that America's idea of equal rights under the laws of nature and nature's God is not just for us. It's the world's eternal idea. Providence has given us the honor and the burden of keeping it aloft as a light to which men and women everywhere may aspire.

Terrorism is the very opposite of that. It denies the basic God-given rights of life and liberty and the search for happiness to everyone who rejects the terrorists' evil intentions. This is the most important reason why we fight today and we must win the war against terrorism.

So, I would like to say to all that we need to ...

*tener orgullo en nuestra cultura y tener fe in Dios y en todo so derechos que nos vienen de El. Y mas que nada y man que nunca hoy abrazar nuestra cultura Hispaña rezar por naciones de todo el mundo en este momento que tambien pudean vivir en libertad ... \**

\* have pride in our culture and have faith in God and in all rights that come from Him. And more than anything and more than ever today embrace our hispanic culture, pray for nations around the world in this moment that they can also live in freedom.

... and to thank God that America's founders proved for all time that freedom is the rightful heritage of every single human being. Thank you all very much, and may God bless our country.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*These reflections and histories have been written by one of our own, Ms. Bruni Vega. When you see her in church or anywhere else, please be sure to thank her for taking the time to write these missives and to heighten our awareness of the beautiful diversity that God has created and keeps on creating.*

Hispanic Population in Ohio  
Top thirteen cities and counties  
*[U.S. Census Bureau]*

RANK	CITY	2012 - 2016	2007 - 2011
1	Lorain	28.3	26.0
2	Painesville	24.3	19.0
3	New Carlisle	19.1	8.9
4	Campbell	19.2	15.5
5	Fremont	17.8	15.2
6	Wauseon	17.5	17.4
7	Springdale	17.5	22.6
8	Willard	15.0	19.7
9	Defiance	14.7	13.7
10	Whitehall	14.0	10.7
11	Brooklyn	11.8	9.5
12	Cleveland	10.8	9.4
13	Youngstown	10.7	8.3

**FAMOUS LATINO AND HISPANIC AMERICANS**

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	Member of Congress Puerto-Rican American (b., October 13, 1989)
Antonia Novello	U.S. Surgeon General Puerto-Rican American (b., August 23, 1944)
Celia Cruz	Singer Cuban American (1925 - 2003)
Cesar Chavez	Activist, Labor leader Mexican American (1927 - 1993)
Dolores Huerta	Labor leader Mexican American (b., April 10, 1930)
Ellen Ochoa	Astronaut Mexican American (b., May 10, 1958)
France Córdova	Astrophysicist Irish Mexican American (b., May 10, 1958)

Gary Soto	Author, poet Mexican American (b., April 12, 1952)
Gloria Estefan	Singer Cuban American ( b., September 1, 1957)
Helen Rodriguez-Trías	Physician Puerto Rican American (1929 - 2001)
Isabel Allende	Writer Chilean American (b., August 2, 1942)
Jennifer Lopez	Actress, singer, dancer, performer Puerto Rican American (b., July 24, 1969)
Joan Baez	Folk singer, songwriter, political activist Mexican Scottish American (b., January 9, 1941)
Jorge Ramos	Journalist Mexican American (b., March 16, 1958)
Julia Alvarez	Author, poet Dominican American (b., March 27, 1950)
Laurie Hernandez	Gymnast Puerto Rican American (b., June 9, 2000)
Lin-Manuel Miranda	Actor, composer, writer, producer Puerto Rican American (b., January 16, 1930)
Mario Molina	Scientist, chemist Mexican American (b., March 19, 1943)
Oscar de la Hoya	Boxer Mexican American (b., February 4, 1973)
Oscar de la Renta	Fashion designer Dominican American (b., July 22, 1932)
Rita Moreno	Actress, singer Puerto Rican American (b., December 11, 1931)
Roberto Clemente	Baseball player Puerto Rican American (1934 - 1972)
Selena Quintanilla	Singer, designer Mexican American (b., April 16, 1972)
Sonia Sotomayor	U.S. Supreme Court Justice Puerto Rican American (1971 - 1995)
Sylvia Mendez	Activist Puerto Rican Mexican American (b., June 7, 1936)
Tito Puente	Percussionist, musician Puerto Rican American (1923 - 2000)