



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The cover design of this year's brochure was inspired by a metaphor introduced by a consultant during a presentation on communication strategies for the Steering Committee. The image depicted a *greenhouse* representing a nurturing environment conducive to cultivating emerging leaders with purpose and care, thus allowing their potential to be recognized and developed. This metaphor encapsulates a fundamental aspect of HTI's identity, which transcends being merely a network or an organization—a rich and fertile ground.

This led to a visual representation of HTI as a greenhouse, a dynamic ecosystem that protects, distributes resources, and increases production. Thus, it creates experiences of healthy environments that stabilize growth. In the HTI greenhouse, scholars enter an environment where they can experience a rich and fertile foundation that provides opportunity for growth, leading to branching out into the world as educators, writers, organizers, clergy, and visionaries.

For this academic year, 2025–2026, HTI is pleased to welcome fifty-nine HTI Scholars from twenty member institutions. Furthermore, we celebrate the achievement of eight newly conferred PhDs—each a testament to resilience, intellect, and the steadfast support of the HTI *familia*.

One who has planted a seed understands that effective growth necessitates more than quality soil; it requires sunlight, water, patience, and trust in the unseen. Similarly, HTI flourishes due to a broad community of supporters who willingly dedicate their time, talents, and resources. As such, we invite you to engage in this continuous cultivation in any of the following ways:

- Share this brochure among your networks.
- Be a Mentor for emerging scholars.
- Offer your professional expertise to enhance our programs.
- Make a financial contribution; every contribution is significant.

Your engagement and support help preserve the vitality and growth of this greenhouse. Your contributions to HTI invest in a future where Latine leaders continue to shape the Church, the academy, and the world.

We at HTI express our profound gratitude for your support because in this greenhouse, nothing flourishes in isolation.

With heartfelt thanks,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Joanne Rodríguez".

Rev. Dr. Joanne Rodríguez
HTI Executive Director

