



## From the President-Rector

We at Sacred Heart are blessed, from the million dollar Lilly Endowment's Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative grant, to our developing relationship with the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, and our collaborations with religious communities, dioceses, and lay groups across the country. The seminary is thriving and full of life, and we are implementing the 6th edition of the *Program of Priestly Formation* (PPF6). We have a dedicated propaedeutic formation house with our Vice-Rector as the director of this important program. All four dimensions of formation are updated to meet the spirit of the PPF6.

**How can we serve you?** We know our graduates go out to minister in a constantly changing world, so we have many specialized pathways to meet those needs:

- **Later vocations?** We have 50 years of experience forming, reaching out and connecting to later vocations.
- **Seminarians who need English?** We have a robust English & Culture Studies program and an Accent Modification program, all within the rich liturgical life of the seminary. We have an immigration specialist on staff.
- **Seminarians who will be ministering to Hispanics?** We have a Hispanic Ministry Preparation Program.
- **Seminarians that need advanced work**, a B.A., or a certificate program? We offer the M.Div. and also an advanced M.Div./M.A. track, M.A. in Catholic Studies, M.A. in Theology, Certificate in Priestly Studies, and Bridge programs (from English to Theology). We anticipate offering a Pontifical degree by the Fall of 2024.

- **Need a propaedeutic year program** for prospective seminarians, or formation to supplement your own program? We have a dedicated formation house, Catholic Studies courses and spiritually enriching experiences, including a Catholic Heritage trip to Rome in the spring. Contact me if you would like to collaborate; together, we are better.
- **Need a strong lay formation** program? Our Cor Unum master's degree pathway is a cohort model that includes spiritual and pastoral formation, building a strong network of lay ministers. We can bring that to dioceses in hybrid formats. We can also provide a program tailored for deacons.
- **Do you need ongoing formation for priests?** Part of our Lilly Pathways grant supports ongoing formation. We regularly host a Toolbox for New Priest Pastors and hold an annual preaching conference. Contact us for a discussion about what your needs are.

More than 50 U.S. and international bishops and religious superiors entrust their seminarians to us. We have resident seminarians as well as commuters from local houses of formation, and laity studying for advanced degrees. **Our hallways are filled with the sound of community, the chapel with prayer, and the dining hall with laughter.** Please come for a visit or contact us for a discussion about how we can be of service to you.

In the Heart of Christ,  
Very Rev. Raúl Gómez- Ruiz SDS, Ph.D.