

## **Office of Hispanic Ministry**

The Office of Hispanic Ministry serves as a vital hub for resources, staying updated on pastoral and evolving social issues affecting our Hispanic population. Collaborating closely with pastoral leaders and local personnel in Hispanic ministry, they provide support and direction. Regular monitoring of area and parish Hispanic ministerial activities ensures effective engagement. The office conducts training programs and in-services for Hispanic ministers, fostering their growth. It also identifies, trains, and monitors Spanish-speaking pastoral leaders, parish staff, and volunteer ministers. In addition, they offer in-services for catechesis, worship, and outreach, coordinate Spanish language pastoral formation, manage annual retreats for marriage preparation and quinceañeras, and provide diocesan retreat opportunities in Spanish. In the current year, we have embarked on a collaborative endeavor in *Pastoral de Conjunto*, partnering with multiple diocesan offices. Our primary objective is to embrace the integration of Spanish-speaking Church members welcoming them into the fabric of regular diocesan events and activities. By collaborating, we not only foster inclusiveness in our diocese but also build up the Church as one Body of Christ.