# Why LACY University Is Essential for Our Churches

40%

60%+

## **Hispanic Catholics**

Represent over 40% of all U.S. Catholics and continue to be the fastest-growing demographic in the American Church.

#### **New Seminarians**

Over 60% of new U.S. seminarians come from Hispanic backgrounds, addressing critical priest shortages in our parishes.

48%

## Catholic Population

Nearly half of the world's Catholics live in the Americas, with Hispanics forming a vital part of the Church's future.

LACY University stands as the premier Hispanic seminary dedicated to empowering Latino Catholic leaders for service in our increasingly diverse Church. By providing culturally responsive theological education, LACY equips clergy and lay leaders who understand the unique spiritual needs of Hispanic communities.



# **Cultural Fluency**

LACY graduates serve parishes with authentic understanding of Hispanic traditions, language, and faith expressions.



#### **Faith Formation**

Strengthens parish life through culturally-rooted catechesis and evangelization programs that resonate with Hispanic families.



### Leadership Development

Creates pathways for Hispanic Catholics to take leadership roles in parishes, dioceses, and national Church initiatives.

Investing in LACY University means investing in vibrant, inclusive parishes that reflect the rich diversity of our Catholic tradition. Join us in empowering Hispanic ministry for a stronger Church that embraces all cultures and serves all God's people.