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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

### **Letter of Recommendation on behalf of Mr. Silvio Cuellar**

Boston, MA – November 21, 2024

To Whom It May Concern

Dear colleague in Catholic ministerial leadership,

It is a pleasure to write this open letter of recommendation and support on behalf of Mr. Silvio Cuellar. I have known Silvio for about a decade and a half in Catholic ministerial contexts, first as a parish director of music and a leader in Catholic media, then Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Providence, and most recently working in Hispanic Engagement efforts for Catholic Relief Services. Silvio is passionately committed to ministry and does this with enthusiasm and faithfulness.

There is much one can say about Silvio. He is a pastoral leader with many talents. Silvio is an extraordinary liturgical musician whose work ranges from forming parish and diocesan choirs in professional ways to composing Catholic hymns, several published by Oregon Catholic Press. He is also an engaging Catholic educator and a great administrator. In his roles in parishes and dioceses, Silvio's leadership has been trusted by bishops, pastors, and lay leaders at various levels of ecclesial life. As a writer, his work has received several national recognitions by organizations dedicated to lift up high quality contributions to the world of Catholic media. I have worked with Silvio on several projects serving pastoral leaders in the dioceses of New England, and he has always delivered professionally and respectfully. Silvio is a person of faith who raised a large family and has always placed faith at the center of his actions and commitments. Very few Catholic leaders command the respect and admiration Silvio has in his diocese and in the New England region.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-552-0119 or via e-mail at [ospinoho@bc.edu](mailto:ospinoho@bc.edu)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hosffman Ospino".

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