

Forming strong, loving  
and wise leaders  
from the city...  
to renew the world



Formando líderes con  
fortaleza, amor y buen  
juicio del pueblo...  
para renovar el mundo

---

June 2020

### **Racism and Renewing Our Society**

Grounded by our Jesuit values, we, the board and staff of Casa Romero Renewal Center, are inspired by the activists of the Black Lives Matter movement and we too believe that Black lives matter. We are convinced that we must not waste this opportunity for an open and vulnerable assessment of our relationships across lines of difference (particularly race), to acknowledge the damage that racism has caused and continues to cause, and to bring about both personal and institutional change that is antiracist and eradicates from our midst any racist word, action or systemic social or legal policy. .

The broad-based uprising, sparked by the callous disregard for Black lives evidenced by police officers, offers the hope that our society might move closer to living up to our lofty ideals. As an organization that nurtures future leaders from Milwaukee's Latinx community, many of whom identify as Afro-Latinx, and other marginalized groups, we attest that there is an abundance of strong, loving and wise people from the city who stand ready to lead us towards a more just and loving future.

For our part, we will continue to lift up the voices of young Black, Indigenous, and other people of color and to seek other ways to reconcile our fractured society. Let us pray for the faith and courage not to squander this moment.