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To the beloved community of the Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo Catholic University, my home in northern Peru:

These pages capture not just words, but the heartbeat of a heart that you learned to love by serving you.

During those years as your Grand Chancellor, I saw in every classroom, in the chapel, in every young face the seed of a future where faith and reason walk together. You taught me that true authority is service, that government is listening, and that education is the noblest act of hope.

This book is a tribute to that shared legacy: moments of prayer, dialogue, and mutual growth. May these words always remind you that, from Rome, I carry in my heart the affection of Chiclayo and the certainty that USAT continues to train not only professionals, but witnesses of Christ.

With eternal gratitude and my blessings,

*Leo P.P. XIV*





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# Prologue



The year 2023 was a time of unforgettable memories for us. We celebrated our silver anniversary: 25 years of service to the community as a Catholic university, imparting values, and seeking to form good men in our youth.

That same year, our great chancellor, Bishop Robert Prevost, was invited to Rome to assume the position of Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. This event aroused ambivalent feelings in us: sadness at his departure but also joy at the new responsibility entrusted to him.

However, on November 16, he returned. Together with Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça and our Bishop Emeritus Jesus Moliné, we had the honor of having him present at the investiture ceremony for his honorary doctorate.

But our adventure did not end. On 8 May, we received with great joy and emotion the election of our monsignor Roberto—as we affectionately called him—as the highest authority of the Catholic Church: his designation as Pope Leo XIV, from now on.

The mixture of emotions—joy, surprise—made us instantly remember what he was like, what he did, how he spoke, his sense of humor, etc. In short, so many things about his life and his person today are part of a personal heritage for many, like me, and of a collective heritage that we share with all of us in the diocese.

I had the honor and joy of working with him for almost nine years, during which time he accompanied us, and I can attest to his courage as a person, his constant teamwork, his way of resolving conflicts, and his way of relating to people. As our leader at the university, he allowed us to govern under his

direction, without coercion, respecting each person's thoughts, always attentive to the call, and always participating together with everyone. I recognize that I learned a lot from him about how to govern.

The legacy of today's Pope Leo XIV will be eternal for this community, which with him walked the paths of evangelization and education. As a university community, we want to honor that legacy. This book is the embodiment of his moments with us; we want to share his legacy with the world, make his testimony known as we knew it, and wish him God's blessing to continue to accompany him. We also want to express to him that he will always have our love and respect and that we will be attentive to what he needs from us.

Dra. Patricia Julia Campos Olazábal  
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# Rimana qallariy

Wata 2023pi, nuqakunapaq allip shumaq allin yarpuykuna. 25 watakunata raymikurayllapa platami kanqa nir, tukuy ayllukunapaq atun wasi yaçakuna amitunchikpa yarpuyninta apar, allin kashankunata apar, musuna naypaqkaqpi allin runakuna kananllapapaq.

Chay watallapi, chay nuqanchikpa atun ayllunchik, amitunchikpaq rikaq Robert Prevost, Romaman qayaranllapa, chaypi tukuy amitunchikta rikaqkunapaq nannichikunanpaq. Chaynu katin allipta llakiqkanilla, wakinkuna allipta kushikuq: llakiq kanillapa ritin, kushikuq ima kanillapa, chaypi allinta imatapis rukakunqa

Ashwanpis, 16 killa noviembrepi tikrakamuran. Pulla atun amitunchikpaq rikaq José Tolentino Mendocawan, aminchikta riikaq Jesús Moliné, allin karan paykunawanpis tarinakunayllapapaq, chaypi doctormi honoris causa niranllapa.

Chay rikayashayllapaqa mana chaypichu tukukaran. 8 killa mayopi, allipta kunachimaranllapa, allipta kushikurayllapa amitunchikta rikaq Roberto ---nasquqnu chaynu niqkanillapa--- pay allip atun amitunchikpa wasinta ikaq, niranllapa paymi papa, León XIV, kananmantaqa.

Allipta kushikuqkanillapa piçuqnu chaytaqa ---kushikuqnu, illaqmanta rikarimuq ----rikariran, pitilapi, yarpuq kanillapa imanumi kaq nir, imata rurakuq, imanu rimaq, imanu asikuq... Chaynumi, tukuy imakuna kawsayninpi kaq, kananmi tukuy imanu kaq nir yarpunllapa ---nuqami---, ashwanpis tukuy chaypi ayllukuna kawsashanwan, tashankunawan chaypi atun amitunchikpa wasinpikunawan.

Nuqami allip allinta yarpuni, paywan 9 watakunapi imatapis pulla rurakurayllapa, chaypimi yapamaranllapa, rikar nini

imanu runitumi kaq, ima rurakushanpaq, pullala imatapis rurakuq, ima katinpis shumaq willakur kamakachikuq, wakin runakunawan allip allinta apanakuq. Paymi nannichikuq tukuyniyllapapaq kaq, naypaypi katin imatapis allin rurakuq kanillapa, tukuypa yarpushanllapata allinmi niq, qayatinllapaq riq, ima katinpis tukuyninwan riqllapa. Allipta yarpuni paywan imanu tukuy imata naypaqman apaq kanillapa.

Pay kanan papa León XIV ima rurakushan mana qunqaypaqchu kanqa, paywan nankunata amitunchikpaq nanninta riq, yaâchikur ima. Pullala kay atun wasi yaâakuypi, pay kashanta naypaqman apashaqllapa. Kay rimanami imanu nuqakunawan kaq kanillapa nir rikachikunqa, tukuy pachata ninillapa imanumi pay kaq nir, tukuyta nuqakuna willayanillapa imanumi pay kaq nir, ninillapa amitunchikmi maypi katinpis achkirachinqa. Nuqakunapis willakuyanillapa payta maykunapi rikaritinis nuqakuna allipta munanillapa, yarpuyashaqllapa imata munatinpis nuqakuna yanapanayllapapaq

Dra. Patricia Julia Campos Olazábal  
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**This book compiles the pastoral and intellectual legacy of Pope Leo XIV during his time as Grand Chancellor of the University of Santo Tomás (USAT) and Bishop of Chiclayo. Through speeches, homilies, and writings, his profound Augustinian spirituality and his vision of an education that integrates faith, science, and culture are revealed. This volume highlights his commitment to the integral formation of young people, academic excellence, and university social responsibility. It is an essential work to understand the heart of a pastor who walked with his people and whose episcopate was marked by listening, service, and the tireless search for truth. It includes an extensive photographic gallery that testifies to its closeness and dedication of the university community.**



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