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Erick Berrelleza, S.J. is founding dean of Messina College at Boston College. Part of the University's \$100 million Pine Manor Institute for Student Success initiative to enhance educational opportunity for underrepresented, first-generation students, Messina College will offer an associate's degree program beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year. The residential college will enroll 200 students and be located on the new Brookline Campus of Boston College. A Los Angeles native and a member of the USA West Province of Jesuits, Fr. Berrelleza received a B.A. in philosophy from Loyola Marymount University, an M. Div. degree in theology and ministry from Boston College in 2015, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Boston University in 2021. He served as a visiting scholar in BC's Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life from 2019-2021. He has also served as a member of the board of trustees at Boston College, Santa Clara University, Brophy College Preparatory School in Phoenix, and Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose.