

TARANGO, YOLANDA (1948–)

A member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Sister Tarango has been at the forefront of formulating a feminist theology for women in religious life. This Chicana theologian, writes extensively on the spirituality of Latina Catholics. Her book *Hispanic Women: Prophetic Voice in the Church* (1988), coauthored with theologian Ada María Isasi-Díaz, made a significant contribution to an emerging Latina feminist theological discourse. The co-editor of two books, Sister Tarango views Latina spirituality as a "transformative struggle," and strives to promote a culturally and economically enhanced spiritual dedication fundamental to Latina liberation. A native of Texas, Sister Tarango entered conventual life in 1966. In 1985 Sister Tarango co- founded and directed the Visitation House of Ministries, a transitional housing program for homeless women and children. She completed a six-year term as general councilor of her international religious order, the first Latina to fill that position and also served as national coordinator of Las Hermanas, a national organization of Latina Roman Catholics, for three consecutive terms (1985–1991). She continues to provide leadership in pastoral ministries, and to write. In 1996 she received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University of the Incarnate Word.