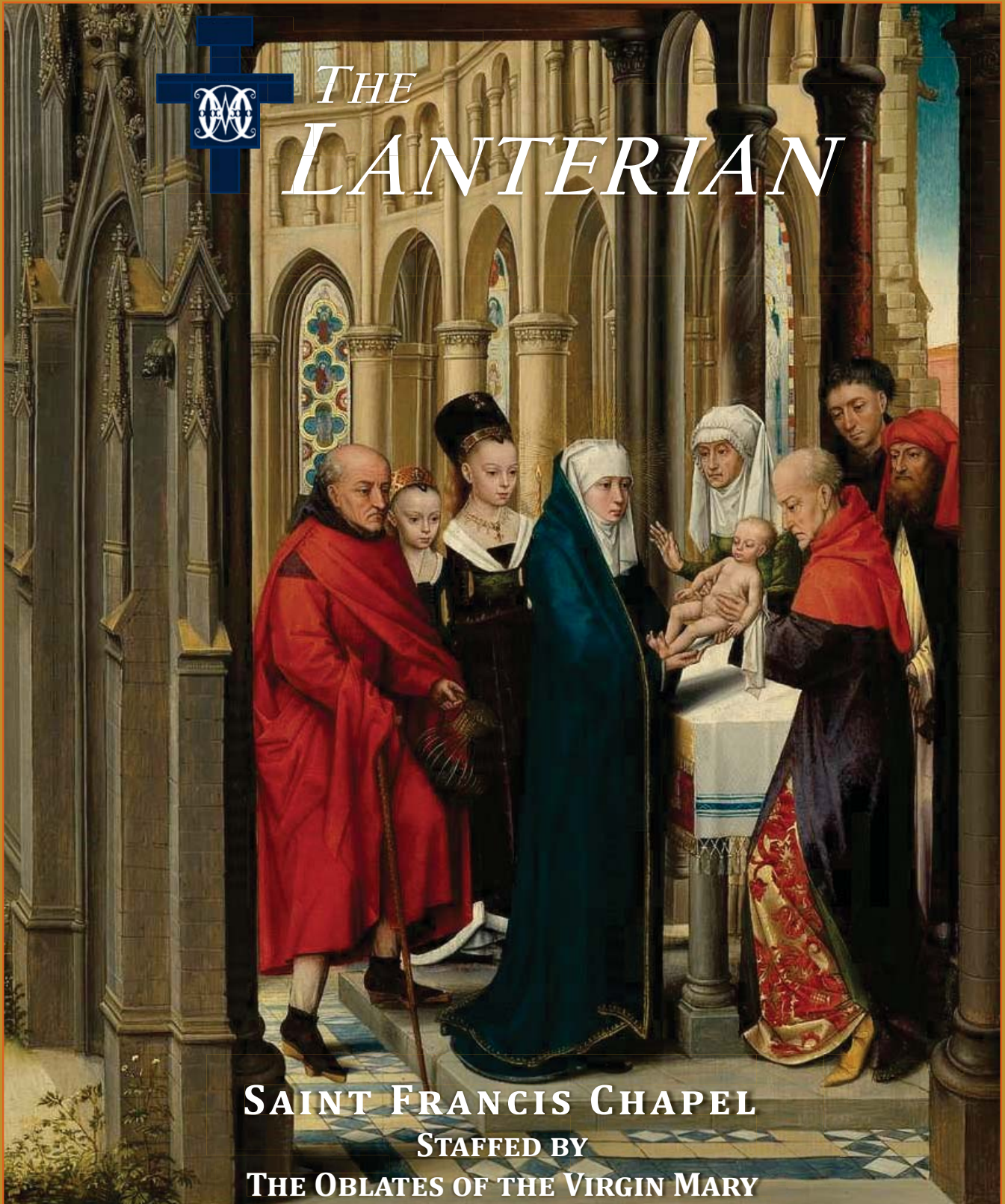


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**FEBRUARY 2, 2025—THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

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## SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses:

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00PM,  
5:30 PM, (en español)

**Sun.** 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,  
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

### Weekday Masses:

**Mon.—Fri.** 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM  
**Saturday** 9:00AM, 12PM

### Confessions:

**Mon.—Fri.** 8:40 - 11:40AM, 12:40-4:25PM;  
After 4:45PM Mass by request  
**Saturday** 9:40 - 11:40 AM, 12:40-3:30PM  
**Sunday** By request in-between Masses

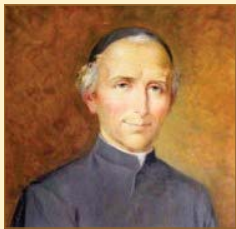
### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Mon.—Fri.** 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM  
**Saturday** 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM

### Gift Shop Hours:

**Monday—Friday** 11:00AM - 5:30PM\*  
**Saturday** 9:30AM - 6:30PM\*  
**Sunday** 8:30AM - 6:30PM\*  
(\*Closed during Masses)

St Francis Chapel here in the Prudential Center has been staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV) since 1983. It is truly a place of mercy and peace. People attend and visit from all over Boston, the USA and the world. They attend Holy Mass, Adore the Lord Jesus, light a candle and oftentimes take advantage of our OMV Charism of Mercy, "beginning again" in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Miracles occur in the confessional. In addition to this Chapel, the OMV serve at St Clement Eucharistic Shrine a few blocks from here, which is also our US Seminary, in Milton MA at our St. Joseph Retreat House as well as in Los Angeles, CA, Denver, CO, Alton, IL and Venice, FL. Additionally OMV priests and brothers minister in Italy, where we were founded in 1826, Austria, France, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, The Philippines and England. Learn more at OMVUSA.org.



### *Prayer Before Mass by Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the OMV*

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

Welcome to the Chapel! Whether you are one of our daily or weekly faithful or visiting from the other side of the globe, or anywhere in between, thank you for joining us in prayer! We are blessed by you all! Many comment on the blessing of Christ's Sacramental presence and the love, mercy and peace they encounter in "The Chapel in the Mall." The Chapel has remained open here since 1969, entirely due to God's Providence working through your prayers, goodness, gratitude and generosity. The payment of our monthly rent, utilities and all expenses depends on Mass collections, (including the box by the door), online donations (including the QR codes), major gifts, candles, the kiosks in the vestibule, the gift shop (check it out!) and the Benefactors Memorial Tree in the vestibule. Thank you for your support of our ministry here. We are not able to serve here without you! Pray for us! God bless you!

## **MONDAY—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3—7** **CHAPEL RENOVATIONS**

MASSSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE  
REGULAR TIMES IN THE SHERATON HOTEL,  
5TH FLOOR, THE PUBLIC GARDEN ROOM  
ACROSS FROM THE SWIMMING POOL.

CONFESSIONS AT THE SHERATON:  
8:40 - 9:15 AM, 11:00 - 11:45 AM,  
12:45 - 1:15 PM, 4:00 - 4:30 PM

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, February 2, 2025

**8:00 AM** – Maureen Connolly

**9:15 AM** - +Jody Petner

**10:30 AM** - +Rosemary Stalzer

**11:45 AM** - Renee Cheung

**1:15 PM** - Juan & Cande—birthday

**4:00 PM** - MJ Thompson-Hardy—health

**5:30 PM** - Tocio Family

### Monday, February 3

**8:00 AM** - +Suzie Rizzo

**12:05 PM** - +Michael Adigweme

**4:0045M** – Gao Mei

### Tuesday, February 4

**8:00 AM** - +Maria Della Peruta—  
2nd anniversary

**12:05 PM** - +Esperanza Zuazo

**4:45 PM** - +Grace DeCrescenzo

### Wednesday, February 5

**8:00 AM** - +Mary Teahan

**12:05 PM** - +James Malone

**4:45 PM** - +Sr. Teresa Cao Lan, MTG &  
The Sisters of the Holy Cross

### Thursday, February 6

**8:00 AM** - +John Patrick Flannery

**12:05 PM** – Souls in Purgatory

**4:45 PM** - Mary Murphy

### Friday, February 7

**8:00 AM** - Patsi Langenberg –birthday

**12:05 PM** - +Clem Cheung

**4:45 PM** - +Enrique Akut—anniversary

### Saturday, February 8

**9:00 AM** - Souls in Purgatory

**12:00 PM** - Elizabeth Paquette -healing

**4:00 PM** - +Sofia Hernandez Cano

**5:30 PM** - +Constatino Garcia &+Ana  
Cardona

### ***The Pope's Prayer Intention for February:***

#### **For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



## *Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV*

My dear Brothers and Sisters, builders of God's Kingdom and St Francis Chapel,

This Monday, February 3, at 7 AM we begin the renovation of St Francis Chapel in earnest. With your prayers, the renovation will be done in 5 days. This coming week from Monday to Friday, all daily Masses will be offered at the usual times (8:00, 12:05, 4:45) on the Fifth Floor of the Sheraton Hotel in the Public Garden Room. You may follow the signage from the entrance of the Sheraton nearest to the Chapel. The Chapel itself will be closed as painting, a new floor and other updates are completed. There will be no Adoration this week. Masses in the Chapel will resume in the Chapel Saturday, February 8.

Please pray for this wonderful undertaking. The present Chapel was built and dedicated in 1993, but our presence here dates back 55 years to 1969 and it's been many years since the chapel was painted and other important updates undertaken. These past few weeks the candle walls were scrubbed and restored in large part to their original beauty, although an argument can be made for the beauty of candle soot and its measure of the millions of prayers offered here over the years. Some repairs were made to the carpet and the HVAC vents were cleaned throughout the Chapel. The total cost of this renovation is over \$40,000. including our rental of space for the week of Masses in the Sheraton. A benefactor has provided more than half of this amount. Another expense in the back of my mind, as I had to repair some of our HVAC system this past week, is the eventuality of a new HVAC system altogether, which I have begun to look into. The present system dates to 1993.

Thank you all for your prayers and financial generosity toward the Chapel. Without both we are not here. Since I assumed the leadership of the Chapel last year, I have not ceased to be amazed at the wonders that God works here in the lives and journeys of all who pass through our doors. May the renovation of this Chapel be a sign of the renewal, refreshment and increase of God's love taking place in each one of us!



A mis queridos hermanos y hermanas, constructores del Reino de Dios y de la Capilla de San Francisco,

Este lunes 3 de febrero a las 7 a.m., comenzaremos la renovación de la Capilla de San Francisco. Con la Gracia de Dios y sus oraciones, dicha renovación estará lista en 5 días. En tal sentido, la próxima semana, de lunes a viernes, todas las Misas diarias se ofrecerán en los horarios habituales (8:00, 12:05, 4:45) en el quinto piso del Hotel Sheraton en el "Public Garden Room". También pueden seguir la señalización que estará en la entrada del Sheraton, más próxima a la Capilla. Es importante destacar que la misma permanecerá cerrada durante el tiempo señalado, en la medida en que finalicen las tareas que ello conlleva (pintura, cambio de piso, entre otros). En tal sentido, esta semana no habrá Adoración; por lo tanto, las misas en la Capilla se reanudarán el sábado 8 de febrero.

Por favor oren para que este maravilloso proyecto sea una realidad. Es interesante saber que esta (nuestra) Capilla fue construida y dedicada en 1993, sin embargo, nuestra presencia aquí se remonta a hace 55 años, a 1969; y ya han pasado muchos años desde que se pintó la capilla y se realizaron los arreglos concernientes. Estas últimas Semanas, limpiaron las paredes de las velas fueron limpiadas y restauradas en gran parte a su belleza original, aunque se puede argumentar a favor de la belleza del hollín de las velas y su medida de los millones de oraciones ofrecidas aquí a lo largo de los años. Se hicieron algunas reparaciones a la alfombra y se limpiaron las rejillas de ventilación HVAC en toda la Capilla. El costo total de esta renovación supera los \$40,000, incluido nuestro alquiler de espacio para la semana de Misas en el Sheraton. Un benefactor ha aportado más de la mitad de esta cantidad. Otro gasto que tengo en mente, ya que tuve que reparar parte de nuestro sistema HVAC la

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semana pasada, es la eventualidad de un sistema HVAC completamente nuevo, que he comenzado a considerar. El sistema actual data de 1993.

Gracias a todos por sus oraciones y generosidad financiera hacia la Capilla. Sin ambos no estamos aquí. Desde que asumí el liderazgo de la Capilla el año pasado, no he dejado de sorprenderme por las maravillas que Dios obra aquí en las vidas y viajes de todos los que pasan por nuestras puertas. ¡Que la renovación de esta Capilla sea signo de la renovación, refrigerio y aumento del amor de Dios que se produce en cada uno de nosotros!



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. We hope that you find the following resources helpful for your own celebrations of World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life!

### ***Prayer for Consecrated Men and Women***

*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



En 1997, el Papa San Juan Pablo II instituyó una jornada de oración para mujeres y hombres de vida consagrada. Esta celebración está adjunta a la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor el 2 de febrero. Esta Fiesta también se conoce como Día de la Candelaria; el día en el que se bendicen las velas que simbolizan a Cristo que es la luz del mundo. Así también quienes están en la vida consagrada están llamados a reflejar la luz de Jesucristo a todos los pueblos. La celebración de la Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada se traslada al domingo siguiente, para destacar el don de las personas consagradas de toda la Iglesia. ¡Esperamos que estos recursos les sean útiles para que se unan a la Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Vida Consagrada!

### ***Oración por los hombres y mujeres consagrados***

*Dios nuestro Padre, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como hermanas, hermanos, sacerdotes religiosos, vírgenes consagradas y ermitaños, así como miembros de Institutos Seculares. Renueva sus conocimientos y el amor por ti, y envía tu Espíritu Santo para ayudarlos a responder generosa y valientemente a tu voluntad. Te lo pedimos por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.*



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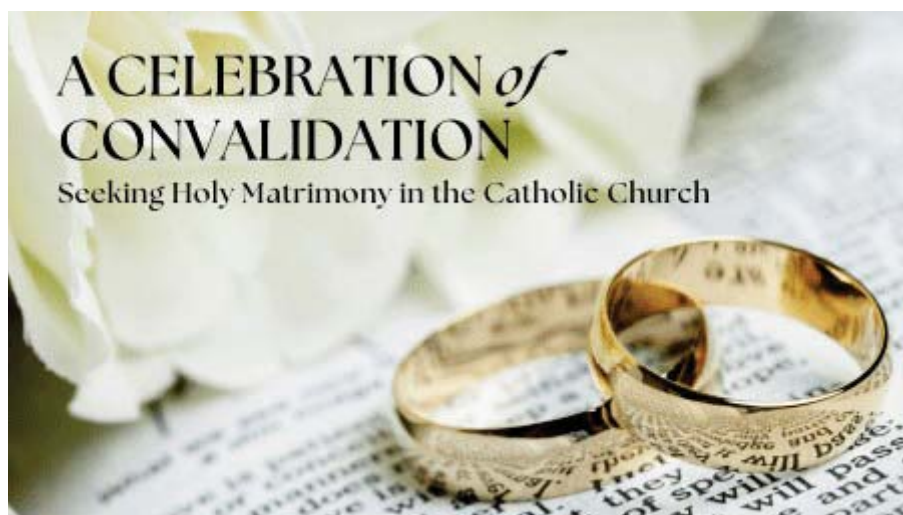


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If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish at a date of your choosing or join *Bishop Mark O'Connell, Bishop Cristiano Barbosa, and other couples at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Saturday, February 8, the eve of World Marriage Sunday.*

Before you register, download the document for important information regarding the preparation for convalidation:

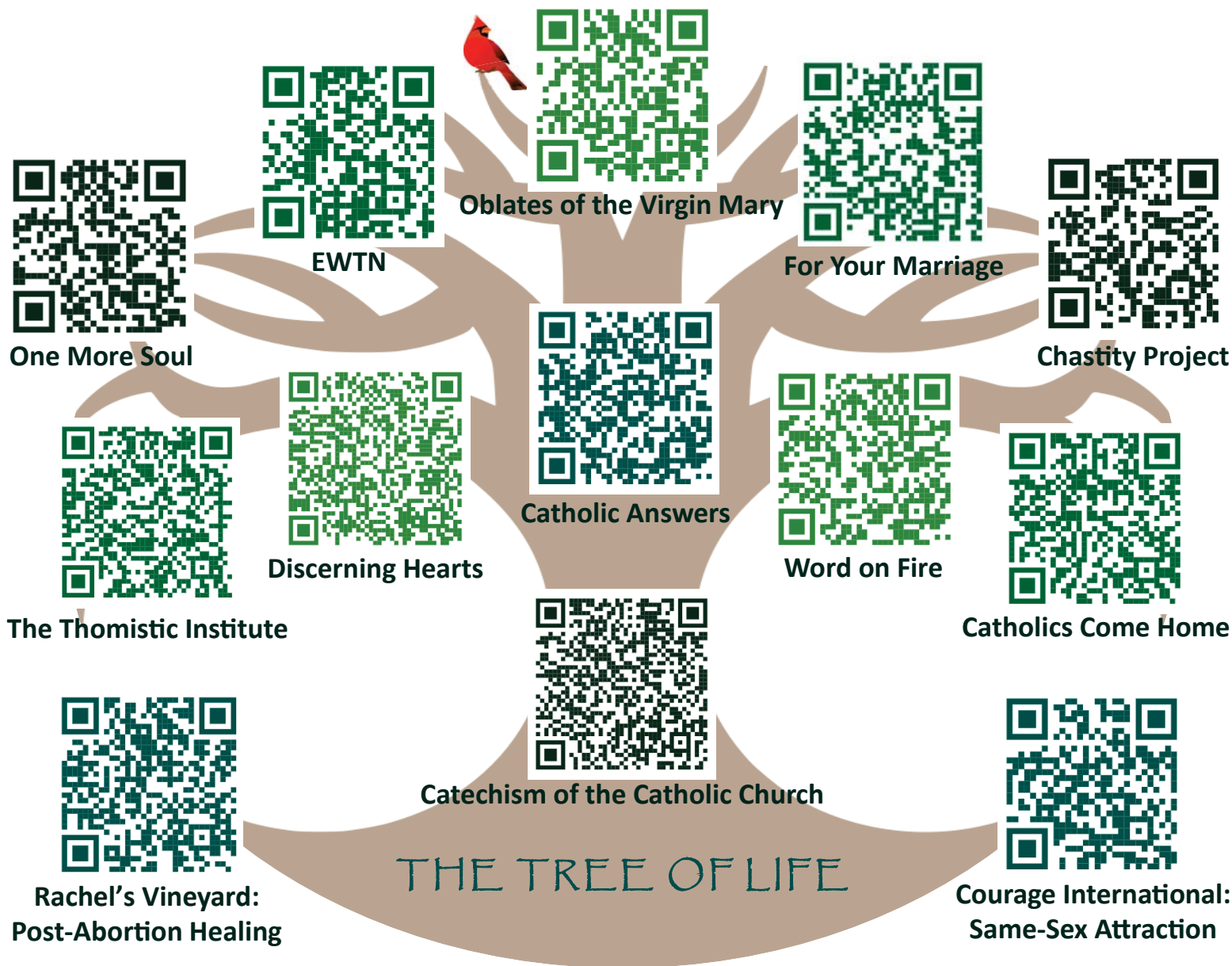


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Haitian-Creole, Portuguese and **Spanish**:



Families and friends are invited to attend. The ceremony will include the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony. All are welcome to attend the regularly scheduled 4:30 PM Mass prior to the ceremony.

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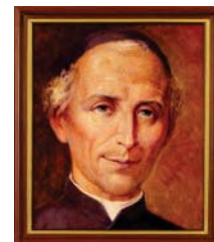
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Amicizia Cristiana (Christian Friendship) is a new young adult initiative in collaboration with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at Saint Clement Eucharistic Shrine. The name comes from the group that was so integral to the life of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, founder of the OMV.

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