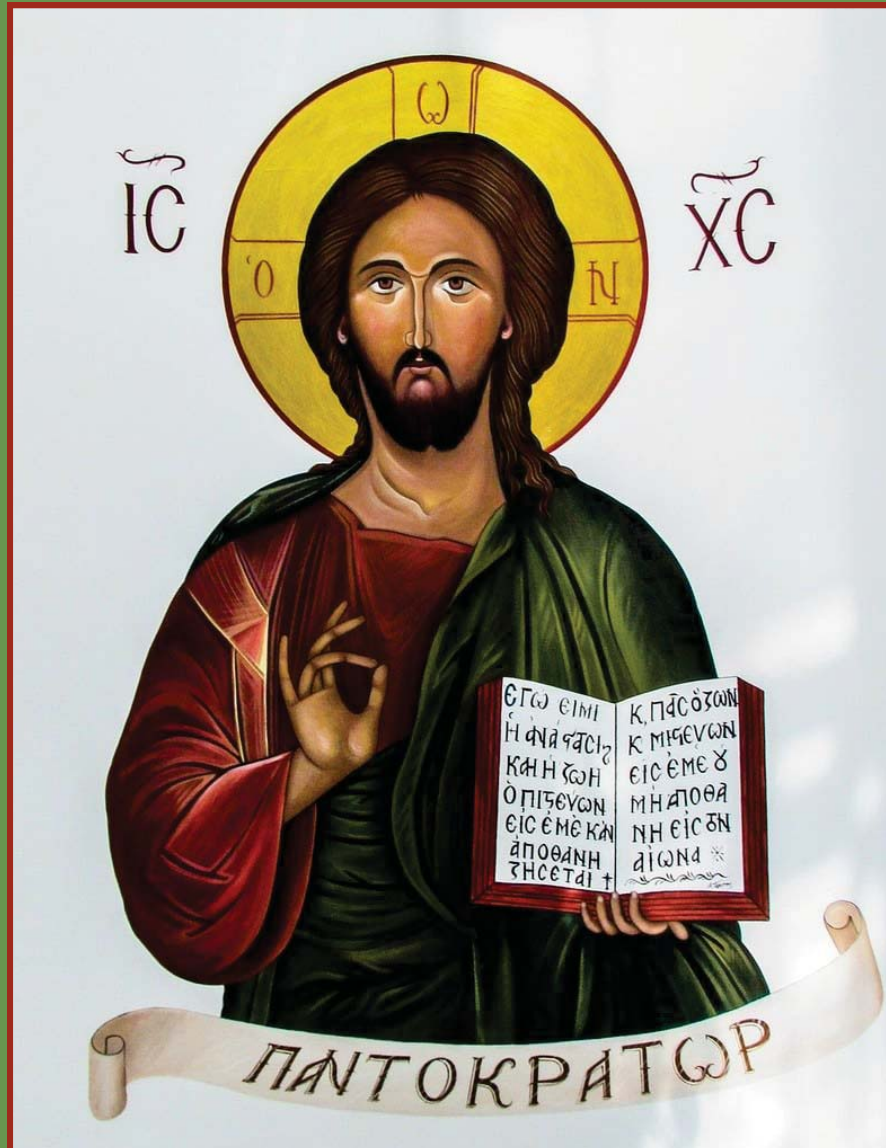


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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
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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

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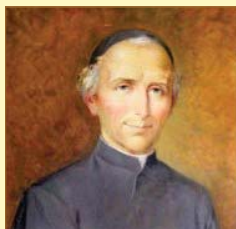
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

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!



Save the date!

*Sunday, September 7, 2025. 12:00 noon.
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*Domingo, 7 de septiembre de 2025, 12 p. m.
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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:00 AM - Elizabeth Maloney
 9:15 AM - Gerard M. Newell
 10:30 AM - +Theresa Sessa
 11:45 AM - John Michael Joseph—
 healing
 1:15 PM - +Samuel Restrepo
 4:00 PM - +Andrew Lee
 5:30 PM - +Henry R. Grace

Monday, July 28

8:00 AM - +Teodoro de Jesus Leal
 12:05 PM - +Janet Adigweme
 4:00 PM - +John Robert Horgan

Tuesday, July 29

8:00 AM - +Alan D. Bogorad—birth
 anniversary
 12:05 PM - +David MacDonald
 4:45 PM - Robert B. Maloney - health

Wednesday, July 30

8:00 AM - +Luigi Della Peruta—
 birthday
 12:05 PM - Rosalinda Ramsay
 4:45 PM - +Sandra Trozzi

Thursday, July 31

8:00 AM - +August Cordeiro
 12:05 PM - Murphy & Callahan
 Families
 4:45 PM - +Clorae Prince

Friday, Aug 1

8:00 AM - +Teddy Chagnon
 12:05 PM - Richard Panzini
 4:45 PM - Ysabela Barroso

Saturday, Aug 2

9:00 AM - +Agustin Yglesias
 12:00 PM - +Ercilia Nuñez &
 Leoncio Huaman
 4:00 PM - +Gerard Eric Hill
 5:30 PM - Acción de Gracias

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, my Friends,

Monday, July 29, is the Memorial of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, who were friends of Jesus. Friendship with God and other men and women is what we are made for, and there's no greater joy than in these gifts. Please read elsewhere in the bulletin about the value, goal, goodness and responsibilities of friendship. Dating, courtship and their fulfillment in Sacramental Marriage are a vocation and a very particular kind of holy friendship. July 25 was the 57th Anniversary of the Papal Encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, issued by Pope St Paul VI in 1968, in which the Church upheld the sacredness and dignity of man and woman, especially regarding sexual intimacy and procreation.

Pope Paul VI prophesied four consequences to our not heeding Church teaching about openness to human life in marriage and the spread of contraception:

1. A general degradation of sexual morality and an increase in marital infidelity.
2. The loss of respect for their wives as persons on the part of their husbands, and of women in general on the part of men.
3. The decision of some governments to impose population control through contraception, sterilization or abortion on their own people.
4. The tendency of man to wrongly think that he should have an absolute dominion over his (or her) own body, including his procreative powers or those of others.

Unfortunately, each one of these four predictions has become dramatically true over the last five decades, and there does not seem to be an end in sight. I would like to offer some resources for the dating, the engaged and the married here, some Catholic and very solid teaching about all of this and some helps for those with difficulties in understanding or living their vocation, its nobility and glory, and all else it entails. My hope is that you will take some time to seek the teaching and wisdom of the Church in these areas of your life, perhaps for yourself or to be able to share them with others who may be in need.



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Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, mis amigos,

El lunes 29 de julio es la memoria de Santa Marta, María y Lázaro, quienes fueron amigos de Jesús. La amistad con Dios y con otros hombres y mujeres es para lo que estamos hechos, y no hay mayor alegría que en estos dones. Por favor, lean en otra parte del boletín sobre el valor, el objetivo, la bondad y las responsabilidades de la amistad. El noviazgo, el cortejo y su cumplimiento en el matrimonio sacramental son una vocación y un tipo muy particular de santa amistad. El 25 de julio fue el 57 aniversario de la encíclica papal *Humanae Vitae*, emitida por el Papa San Pablo VI en 1968, en la que la Iglesia defendió la sacralidad y la dignidad del hombre y la mujer, especialmente en lo que respecta a la intimidad sexual y la procreación.

El Papa San Pablo VI profetizó cuatro consecuencias de no prestar atención a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre la apertura a la vida humana en el matrimonio y la propagación de la anticoncepción:

1. Una degradación general de la moral sexual y un aumento de la infidelidad marital,
2. La pérdida de respeto por sus esposas como personas por parte de sus esposos, y de las mujeres en general por parte de los hombres
3. La decisión de algunos gobiernos de imponer el control de la población a través de la anticoncepción, la esterilización o el aborto en su propio pueblo,
4. La tendencia del hombre a pensar erróneamente que debe tener un dominio absoluto sobre su propio cuerpo, incluidos sus poderes procreativos o los de otros.

Desafortunadamente, cada una de estas cuatro predicciones se ha vuelto dramáticamente cierta en las últimas cinco décadas, y no parece haber un final a la vista. Me gustaría ofrecer algunos recursos para las citas, los comprometidos y los casados aquí, algunas enseñanzas católicas y muy sólidas sobre todo esto y algunas ayudas para aquellos con dificultades para comprender o vivir su vocación, su nobleza y gloria, y todo lo que conlleva. Mi esperanza es que usted se tome algún tiempo para buscar la enseñanza y la sabiduría de la Iglesia en estas áreas de su vida, tal vez para usted mismo o para poder compartirlas con otras personas que puedan estar necesitadas.



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Friendship with persons: "Whether it develops between persons of the same or opposite sex, friendship represents a great good for all. It leads to spiritual communion" (CCC 2347). "The principle of friendship or social charity is a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood" (CCC 1939). The depth of our friendship with others is dependent upon and related to our friendship with God. Friendship with God: "God created man in His own image, male and female He created them; God established him in His friendship" (CCC 355). Even when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and lost His friendship, He did not abandon them to the power of death (CCC 55). "God shows forth His almighty power by converting us from our sins and restoring us to His friendship by grace" (CCC 277).

What is the virtue of friendship? The relationship between acquaintances may blossom into friendship when there is a common interest in work or leisure, help is given or received, joys and sorrows are shared, and the good of each is advanced by the other. Friends enjoy the other's company. Friendship will always involve commitment at some level. The basis of friendship is some kind of communication and it is mutual, selfless, grounded in virtue, with an ongoing development of truthfulness, trust, faithfulness, loyalty, generosity, understanding, modesty, and respect.

- As a friendship develops, the individuals learn to adjust to each other's temperament, idiosyncrasies, moods and tastes.
- Friendships are not to be developed with ulterior motives in mind, such as gaining popularity or based upon a fascination of a quality (such as exterior beauty, a successful talent) and not based on false and empty "goods exchanged" (purely material objects, unhealthy items such as illegal drugs).
- Strong and meaningful friendships can only develop with human persons to the extent that we are growing in a deep and strong relationship with God through regular communication, which is daily prayer. The degree of love we have for a friend is indicative of our love for God. (See 1John 4:20-21) Why do we need the virtue of friendship?
- We are created to be in relationship with others. We are drawn to share our life with others who have similar interests.
- Through regular communication that is noble and good and in sharing in virtuous things, chosen friendships develop and help the individuals to mature in Christian character.
- A true friend wants his friends to be happy. Our friends can only be happy if they live as children of God. Therefore, an authentic friend can never accept or encourage a friend to do anything immoral or illegal. Rather, a real friend helps his friends to perform good deeds and grow in holiness, becoming the best person he can possibly be – the person God created him to be.
- In offering a friend advice or direction, we must accept the fact that this counsel may be rejected. A friend cannot be controlled or forced as freedom is part of true friendship.
- In marriage there is communication of life, work, goods, affection, and indissoluble fidelity. And so, married friendship is a true, holy friendship.

Amistad con las personas: «Tanto si se desarrolla entre personas del mismo sexo como de sexos opuestos, la amistad representa un gran bien para todos. Conduce a la comunión espiritual» (CIC 2347). «El principio de la amistad o caridad social es una exigencia directa de la fraternidad humana y cristiana» (CIC 1939). La profundidad de nuestra amistad con los demás depende y está relacionada con nuestra amistad con Dios. Amistad con Dios: «Dios creó al hombre a su imagen, varón y mujer los creó; Dios lo estableció en su amistad» (CIC 355). Incluso cuando Adán y Eva desobedecieron a Dios y perdieron su amistad, Él no los abandonó al poder de la muerte (CIC 55). «Dios manifiesta su omnipotencia convirtiéndonos de nuestros pecados y restableciéndonos a su amistad por la gracia» (CIC 277).



¿Cuál es la virtud de la amistad? La relación entre conocidos puede florecer en amistad cuando existe un interés común en el trabajo o el ocio, se brinda o recibe ayuda, se comparten alegrías y tristezas, y el bienestar mutuo se ve favorecido por el otro. Los amigos disfrutan de la compañía mutua. La amistad siempre implicará algún tipo de compromiso. La base de la amistad es algún tipo de comunicación, y es mutua, desinteresada, basada en la virtud, con un desarrollo continuo de la veracidad, la confianza, la fidelidad, la lealtad, la generosidad, la comprensión, la modestia y el respeto.

- *A medida que se desarrolla una amistad, las personas aprenden a adaptarse al temperamento, las idiosincrasias, los estados de ánimo y los gustos del otro.*
- *Las amistades no deben cultivarse con segundas intenciones, como la popularidad o la fascinación por alguna cualidad (como la belleza exterior o un talento exitoso), ni basarse en intercambios de bienes falsos y vacíos (objetos puramente materiales, artículos dañinos como las drogas ilegales).*
- *Las amistades sólidas y significativas solo pueden desarrollarse con personas en la medida en que cultivamos una relación profunda y sólida con Dios mediante la comunicación regular, que es la oración diaria. El grado de amor que sentimos por un amigo es indicativo de nuestro amor por Dios. (Véase 1 Juan 4:20-21) ¿Por qué necesitamos la virtud de la amistad?*
- *Fuimos creados para relacionarnos con los demás. Nos sentimos atraídos a compartir nuestra vida con quienes tienen intereses similares.*
- *Mediante una comunicación regular, noble y buena, y compartiendo las virtudes, las amistades elegidas se desarrollan y ayudan a las personas a madurar en su carácter cristiano.*
- *Un verdadero amigo desea la felicidad de sus amigos. Nuestros amigos solo pueden ser felices si viven como hijos de Dios. Por lo tanto, un amigo auténtico jamás aceptará ni animará a un amigo a hacer nada inmoral o ilegal. Al contrario, un verdadero amigo ayuda a sus amigos a realizar buenas obras y a crecer en santidad, convirtiéndose en la mejor persona posible: la persona que Dios quería que fuera.*
- *Al ofrecer consejo o guía a un amigo, debemos aceptar que este consejo puede ser rechazado. Un amigo no puede ser controlado ni forzado, ya que la libertad es parte de la verdadera amistad.*
- *En el matrimonio hay comunicación de vida, trabajo, bienes, afecto y fidelidad indisoluble. Por lo tanto, la amistad conyugal es una amistad verdadera y santa.*

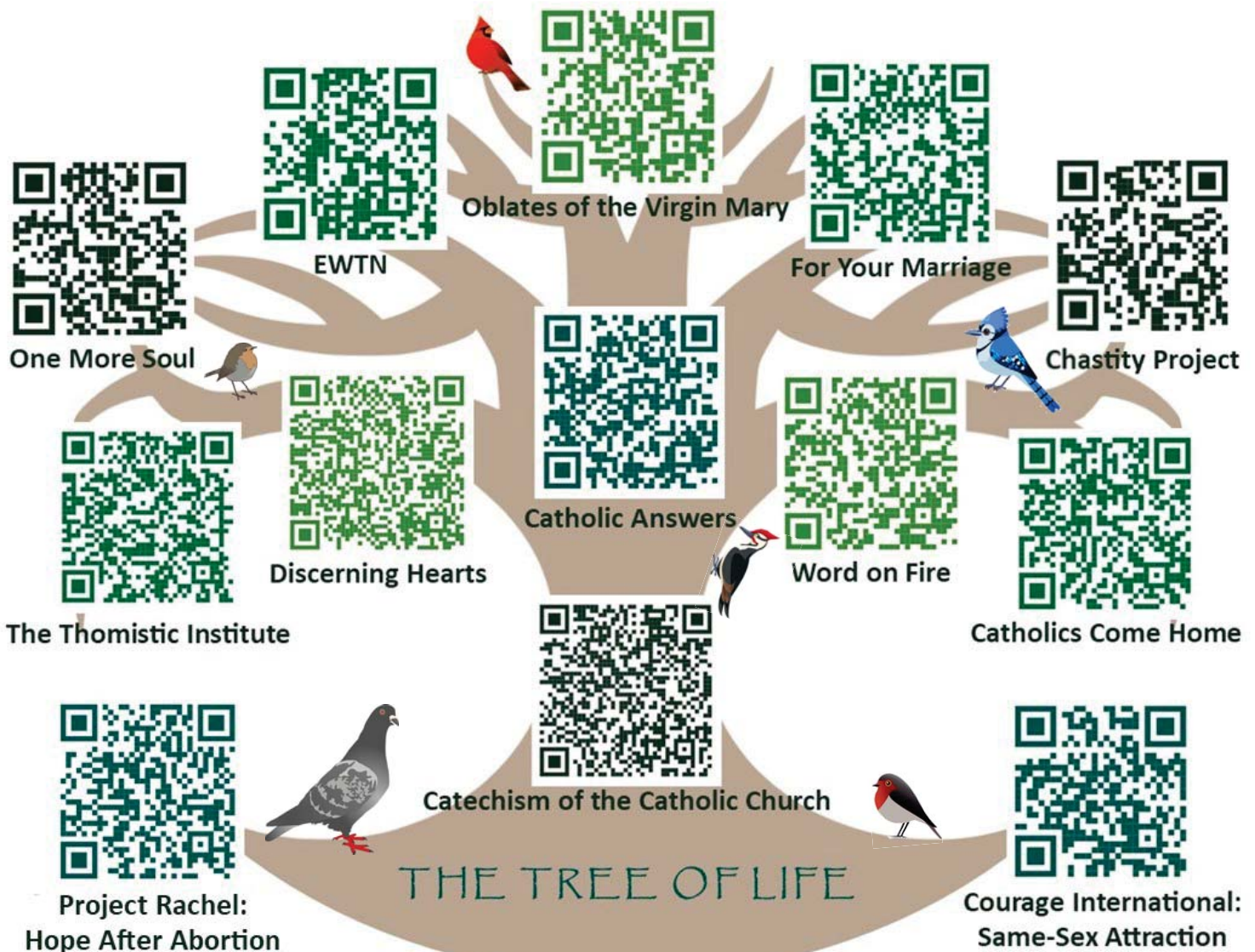
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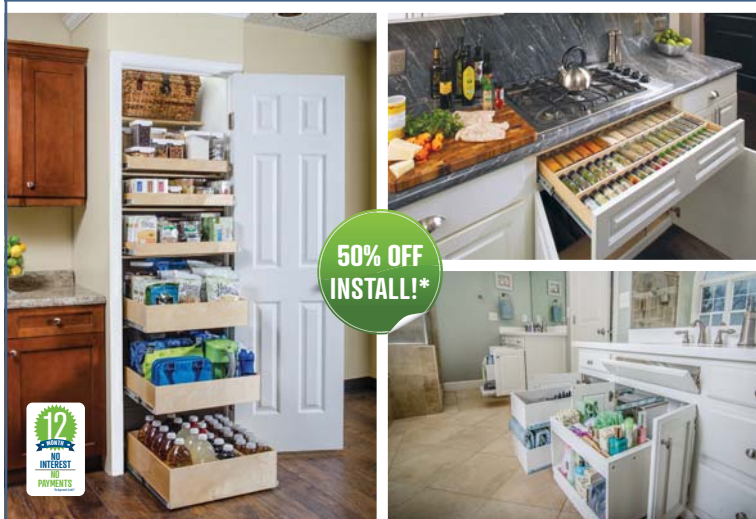
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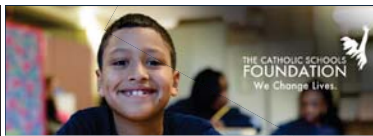
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