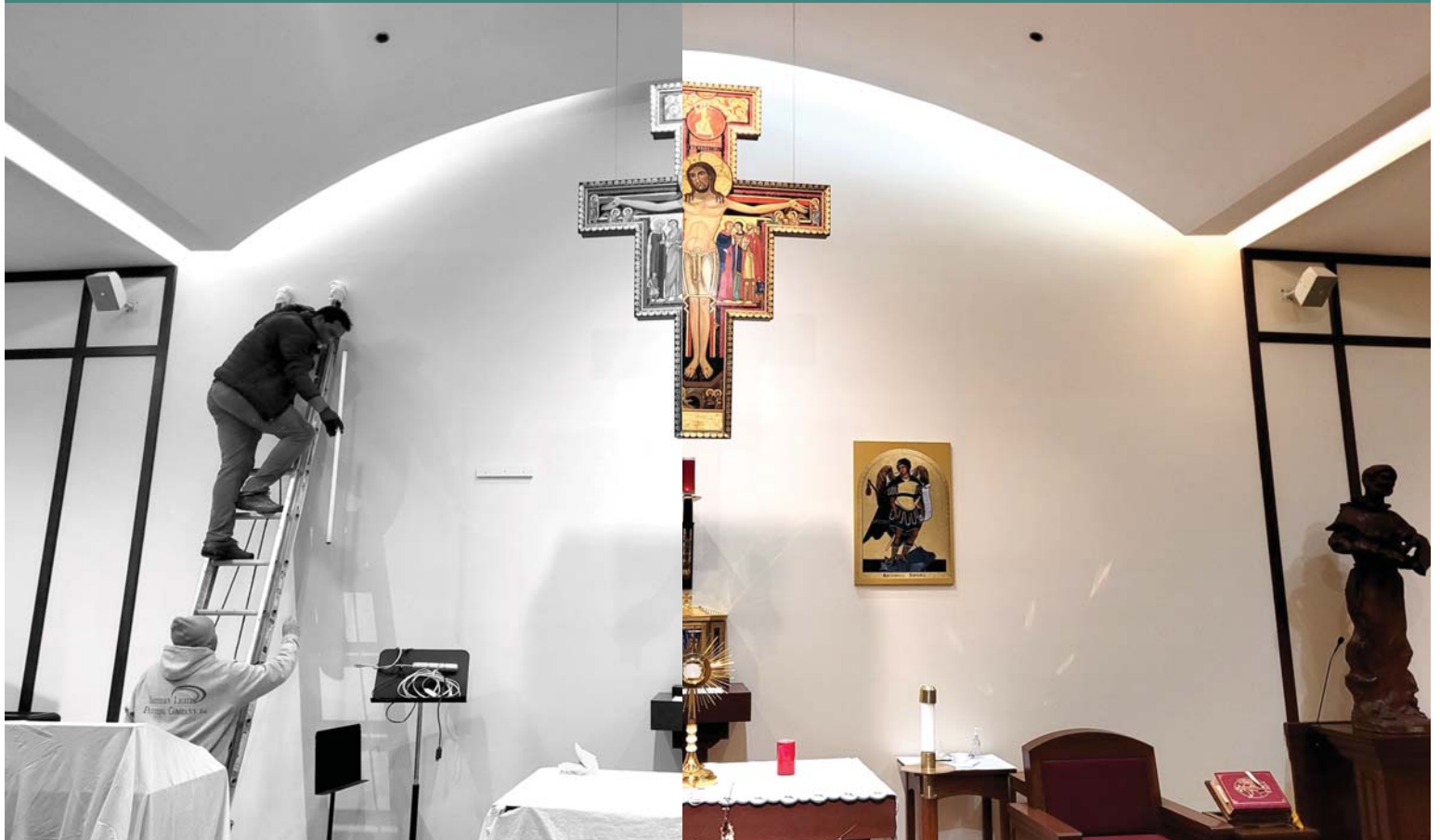


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## SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses:

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00PM,  
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**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

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**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

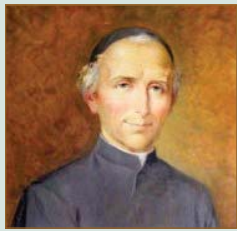
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### *Prayer Before Mass by Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the OMV*

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!

### **St. Clement Young Adult Group AMICIZIA CRISTIANA**

**Every Monday from 7-8:30 pm  
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Amicizia Cristiana (Christian Friendship) is a 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 Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Membership is limited to ages 20-29 to respect differences in practical life experience.

Reach out to stclementac@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:00 AM - Charlestine Barbrou—health  
9:15 AM - +Richard Mahoney  
10:30 AM - Christine Szewczyk—health  
11:45 AM - Sr. Natalie Donola  
1:15 PM - +Familia Bonilla Londoño  
4:00 PM - +Thomas Vizcay  
5:30 PM - Walter & Richard Horsley

### Monday, February 24

8:00 AM - +Adrienne Maglio  
12:05 PM - +Robert Reiling  
4:00 PM - Gonzalez-Soto Family

### Tuesday, February 25

8:00 AM - +Elizabeth Paulin  
12:05 PM - William Corrigan  
4:45 PM - +Dorothy Goldrick Collins

### Wednesday, February 26

8:00 AM - Pope Francis  
12:05 PM - Mary Bane—birthday  
4:45 PM - Nguyen Kim

### Thursday, February 27

8:00 AM - +Carmine DiChiario  
12:05 PM - +Dennis Mahon  
4:45 PM - Tuan Van Family

### Friday, February 28

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry Joaquin, OMV  
12:05 PM - Dang Man Family  
4:45 PM - Soto-Espinoza Family

### Saturday, March 1

9:00 AM - The Benefactors of  
St. Francis Chapel  
12:00 PM - +Consuelo Tobón  
4:00 PM - Rosemary Marinaccio  
5:30 PM - +Anthony Colozzo

### *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 in Christ, dear Chapel community,

Please forgive me for dwelling longer on our recent chapel renovation. I still can't get over how beautiful our little chapel is and how brilliantly she shines, now that after 18 years, she's repainted, has new floors in the shop, confessional and office, her candle shrines scrubbed clean, and more. Since I came aboard here in June, I have been struck by people's appreciation for the chapel and their fiscal generosity for her. So many regulars and visitors share words of appreciation for Christ's and the OMV's presence here in the Marketplace. I frequently meet people in the shop, confessional or before and after Masses, who share richly of the blessing that this holy place is and has been to them. Stories that sometimes go back decades. Like the parents who visit from near and far who tell me they have brought their children here to see the place where they worshiped many years ago while here at University, or the folks who are in Boston for medical treatment, who come to rest in the presence of the Divine Physician exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. One of my dreams is to make a little book of chapel stories... If you have one you'd like to share, please send it to me at [jpaulin@omvusa.org](mailto:jpaulin@omvusa.org). So many uplifting blessings - all meant to be shared and rejoiced in!

The renovation is leading me to reflect too, upon the fact that we are in the Jubilee Year 2025, and that our theme is Hope. As we prepare for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent on March 5, God calls us to receive and pursue the call of Christian conversion, courage and charity, living our Hope in Christ concretely. May God give you and your family and us all, the grace of total renovation! Not only a repainting of our exterior, but an entirely interior and deep renovation that manifests in all we think and say and do in love and mercy!

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, querida comunidad de la Capilla,

Por favor, perdónenme por detenerme más en la reciente renovación de nuestra capilla. Todavía no puedo olvidar lo hermosa que es nuestra pequeña capilla y lo brillantemente que brilla, ahora que después de 18 años, ha sido repintada, tiene pisos nuevos en el taller, el confesionario y la oficina, sus altares de velas están limpios y más. Desde que llegué aquí en junio, me ha sorprendido el aprecio de la gente por la capilla y su generosidad fiscal hacia ella. Muchos clientes habituales y visitantes comparten palabras de agradecimiento por la presencia de Cristo y la OMV aquí en el Mercado. Con frecuencia me encuentro con personas en la tienda, en el confesionario o antes y después de las Misas, que comparten ricamente la bendición que este lugar santo es y ha sido para ellos. Historias que a veces se remontan a décadas atrás. Como los padres que me visitan de cerca y de lejos y que me dicen que han traído a sus hijos aquí para ver el lugar donde adoraron hace muchos años mientras estaban aquí en la Universidad, o las personas que están en Boston para recibir tratamiento médico, que vienen a descansar en la presencia del Divino Médico expuesto en el Santísimo Sacramento. Uno de mis sueños es hacer un pequeño libro de historias de la capilla... Si tienes uno que te gustaría compartir, envíamelo a [jpaulin@omvusa.org](mailto:jpaulin@omvusa.org). ¡Tantas bendiciones edificantes, todas destinadas a ser compartidas y regocijadas!

La renovación me lleva a reflexionar también sobre el hecho de que estamos en el Año Jubilar 2025 y que nuestro tema es la Esperanza. Mientras nos preparamos para el Miércoles de Ceniza y el inicio de la Cuaresma el 5 de marzo, Dios nos llama a recibir y perseguir el llamado de la conversión cristiana, el coraje y la caridad, viviendo concretamente nuestra Esperanza en Cristo. ¡Que Dios le dé a usted y a su familia y a todos nosotros la gracia de la renovación total! ¡No sólo un repintado de nuestro exterior, sino una renovación enteramente interior y profunda que se manifiesta en todo lo que pensamos, decimos y hacemos en amor y misericordia!

## Jubilee 2025: Jubilee for Deacons February 21-23

Jubilee 2025 invites you to be a pilgrim of hope. For Christians, hope is anchored in the encounter with Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection reveals God's transforming love. Our hope in God is renewed constantly in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, who is given, even now, to the community of believers.

The deacon is obligated to give priority to the spiritual life and to live his diakonia with generosity. His model par excellence is Jesus Christ, the Servant who lived totally at the service of his Father for the good of every person. It is necessary that each deacon must know Christ intimately to live out his ministry to the fullest, whether he is celibate or married.



In his 2021 address to deacons, Pope Francis expressed a greater focus on cultivating humility and generosity in ministry. Speaking to them, the Holy Father says he expects humble deacons, letting all good be a secret between him and God; he expects deacons to be good spouses, fathers, and grandfathers, inspiring others with their witness of joy in everything without complaining; he expects deacons to be sentinels, to both know the face of the poor and also help the Christian faithful recognize Jesus in them.

The deacon exercises his ministry within the communion and mission of a diocesan Church and in direct relationship with his diocesan bishop, under whose authority he is assigned, as a collaborator in the service of God's people. As collaborators in ministry, serving alongside priests, deacons participate in the one apostolic ministry bestowed by Christ upon the Apostles and their successors. "The diaconate is not an abridged or substitute form of the priesthood; it is a full order in its own right."

In this Jubilee Year, we pray for deacons to do everything with humility, with joy without complaining, and in radical hospitality to the poor and marginalized. Allow the love of Jesus to flow from you, as you humbly serve others as missionary disciples. Listen with tender care and affection to the needs of others, especially the poor in your community. In this way, you will be messengers of hope to the world.

### A Prayer for Permanent Deacons

Lord Jesus Christ, Servant of all,  
Send your Spirit upon [our deacons and their wives] as [they] serve your Church.  
Give [them] eyes to see the needs of your people.  
Give [them] a discerning mind to know your truth.  
Give [them] a generous spirit when [they are] tired but needed.  
Give [them] a humble heart when [their] work goes unnoticed.  
Give [them] peace of mind in obedience and service.  
Give [them] health of body so [they] may serve with strength.  
Make [them] fertile ground for your inspiration and love.  
Comfort [them] when [they] question [themselves and their] ministry.  
Grant [them] grace as [they] age so [they] may share your wisdom.  
Make [their] heart[s] like yours so [they] may love your people. Amen.



## Jubileo 2025: Jubileo de los Diáconos del 21 al 23 de Febrero

El Jubileo 2025 os invita a ser peregrinos de la esperanza. Para los cristianos, la esperanza está anclada en el encuentro con Jesús, cuya vida, muerte y resurrección revelan el amor transformador de Dios. Nuestra esperanza en Dios se renueva constantemente en el don del Espíritu Santo, el amor del Padre y del Hijo, que se da, también ahora, a la comunidad de los creyentes.

El diácono está obligado a dar prioridad a la vida espiritual y a vivir su diaconía con generosidad. Su modelo por excelencia es Jesucristo, el Siervo que vivió totalmente al servicio de su Padre para el bien de cada persona. Es necesario que cada diácono conozca íntimamente a Cristo para vivir plenamente su ministerio, ya sea célibe o casado.





En su discurso de 2021 a los diáconos, el Papa Francisco expresó un mayor enfoque en cultivar la humildad y la generosidad en el ministerio. Dirigiéndose a ellos, el Santo Padre dice que espera diáconos humildes, dejando que todo el bien sea un secreto entre él y Dios; espera que los diáconos sean buenos esposos, padres y abuelos, que inspiren a los demás con su testimonio de alegría en todo, sin quejarse; espera que los diáconos sean centinelas, que conozcan el rostro de los pobres y también ayuden a los fieles cristianos a reconocer a Jesús en ellos.

El diácono ejerce su ministerio dentro de la comunión y misión de una Iglesia diocesana y en relación directa con su obispo diocesano, bajo cuya autoridad está asignado, como colaborador en el servicio del pueblo de Dios. Como colaboradores en el ministerio, sirviendo junto a los sacerdotes, los diáconos participan en el único ministerio apostólico otorgado por Cristo a los Apóstoles y sus sucesores. “El diaconado no es una forma abreviada o sustitutiva del sacerdocio; es una orden completa por derecho propio”.

En este Año Jubilar, oramos para que los diáconos hagan todo con humildad, con alegría sin quejas y con hospitalidad radical hacia los pobres y marginados. Permitan que el amor de Jesús fluya de ustedes, mientras sirven humildemente a otros como discípulos misioneros. Escuche con tierno cuidado y afecto las necesidades de los demás, especialmente de los pobres de su comunidad. De esta manera seréis mensajeros de esperanza para el mundo. es de

### Una oración por los diáconos permanentes

Señor Jesucristo, Siervo de todos,  
Envía tu Espíritu sobre [nuestros diáconos y sus esposas] mientras [ellos] sirven a tu Iglesia.  
Dales ojos para ver las necesidades de tu pueblo.  
Dales una mente perspicaz para conocer tu verdad.  
Dales un espíritu generoso cuando estén cansados pero sean necesarios.  
Dales un corazón humilde cuando [su] trabajo pase desapercibido.  
Dales tranquilidad en la obediencia y el servicio.  
Dales salud del cuerpo para que puedan servir con fuerza.  
Haz de [ellos] un terreno fértil para tu inspiración y amor.  
Consuéuelos cuando cuestionen [a sí mismos y su] ministerio.  
Concédeles gracia a medida que envejeczan para que puedan compartir tu sabiduría.  
Haz que [sus] corazones sean como el tuyo para que amen a tu pueblo. Amén.

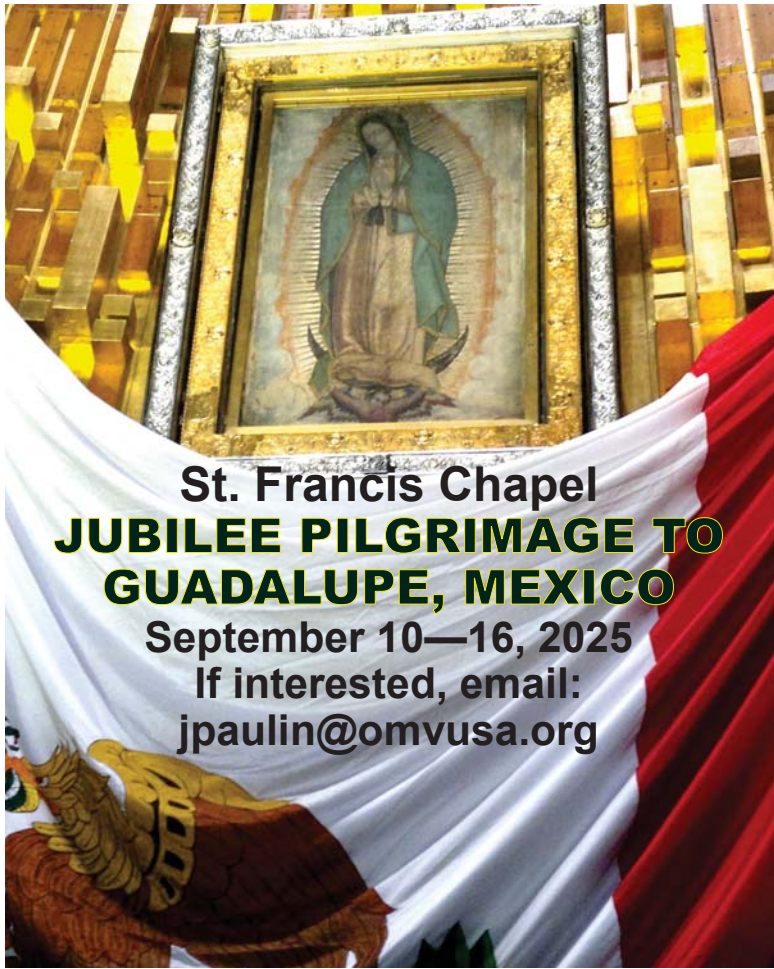
  
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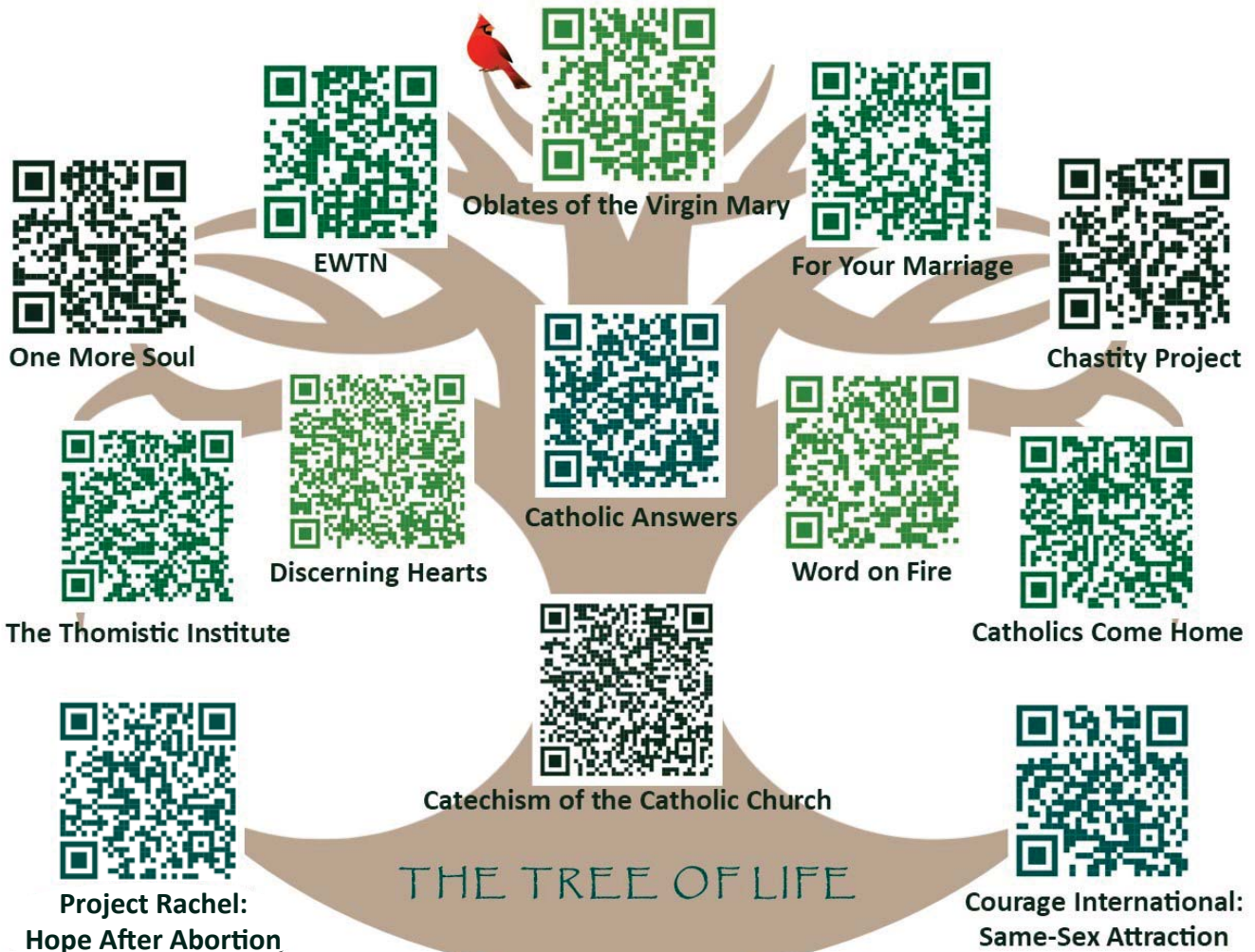
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