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Thank you for your presence this evening at this Gala and for your prayerful and generous support of Redemptoris Mater Seminary. The formation of good and holy priests is essential to the mission of the Church and your sacrificial giving empowers Redemptoris Mater Seminary to offer that formation to the men that Jesus has called to His Priesthood.

I have had the opportunity to meet many of the Boston priests formed at Redemptoris Mater and I have visited their communities. It is easy to see that these are men of zeal and charity and that their ministry is fruitful. I rejoice that in just a few weeks, I will be ordaining two new priests from Redemptoris Mater, Deacons and soon to be Fathers Diego Alejandro Pena Rincon and Javier Alexis Padilla.

May God bless Redemptoris Mater Seminary, its faculty, staff, and seminarians, and may God bless you and your family!

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard G. Henning
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fourteenth Annual Gala Dinner of the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary! Your presence this evening is a clear sign of your love for God and your dedication to the formation of priests for the New Evangelization.

As we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of our founding, we give thanks to the Lord for all He has accomplished. The twenty-three priests already formed in our seminary stand as a living sign of His grace and encourage us to look to the future with hope.

Between that past and this future stand you—our friends and benefactors—without whom none of this would have been possible. For your generosity, fidelity, and friendship, I am profoundly grateful.

This evening, we wish to honor in a particular way a missionary bishop and a devoted local Catholic family. Bishop Hector Vila, who first arrived in Toronto as an immigrant and now serves as a missionary bishop in Whitehorse, bears witness to the Church's mission even in the most remote places. Leo and Joanne Vercollone, through their faith, enthusiasm, and remarkable generosity, have been a true blessing to our seminary. Their support has already touched countless lives, and for this we thank them most sincerely.

I hope you enjoy this evening. Whether you have accompanied us for many years or are joining us for the first time, I warmly invite you to continue walking with us in this mission.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer, bless you, your families, and all your endeavors.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Antonio F. Medeiros

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Cocktail Hour

Dinner

Opening Prayer

Introduction

Rector's Remarks
Very Reverend Antonio F. Medeiros

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Acceptance of Honor and Keynote Address
Most Reverend Héctor F. Vila

Presentation of Evangelization Award
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Acceptance of Award
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Dessert

Final Remarks

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The Most Reverend Héctor F. Vila

Bishop of the Diocese of Whitehorse, Canada

The Most Reverend Héctor F. Vila, the sixth Bishop of Whitehorse, was born on September 17, 1962, in Lima, Peru.
In 1979, he arrived in Canada with his father, Godofredo Vila Matos, and graduated from Emery Collegiate Institute in 1982.
He completed his Mechanical Engineering studies at George Brown College in 1986 and worked at Missal Tooling Ltd. as a Mechanical Engineering assistant for a year and a half.

At the beginning of 1986, he felt called to the priesthood, and in March 1987, he joined the Neocatechumenal Way at the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Toronto. In October 1988, he began studies in Philosophy at the University of Toronto, and in September 1989, he was sent to the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary of Rome, Italy.

Bishop Vila completed his studies in philosophy and earned a Master of Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. On May 14, 1995, he was ordained to the priesthood by Saint John Paul II. Through additional studies, he also completed a Licentiate in Patristics at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome.

He served for two years at St. Irenaeus Parish in Rome as a deacon, and then as an associate pastor for a year and a half. He was then an associate pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Rome for another two years. In October 1998, he was sent to Canada, where he served for seventeen years as the Rector of the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary of Toronto.

On November 27, 2015, Pope Francis appointed him as the 6th Bishop of the Diocese of Whitehorse, one of Canada's largest geographical dioceses, spanning 723,000 sq. km in Yukon and northern British Columbia.



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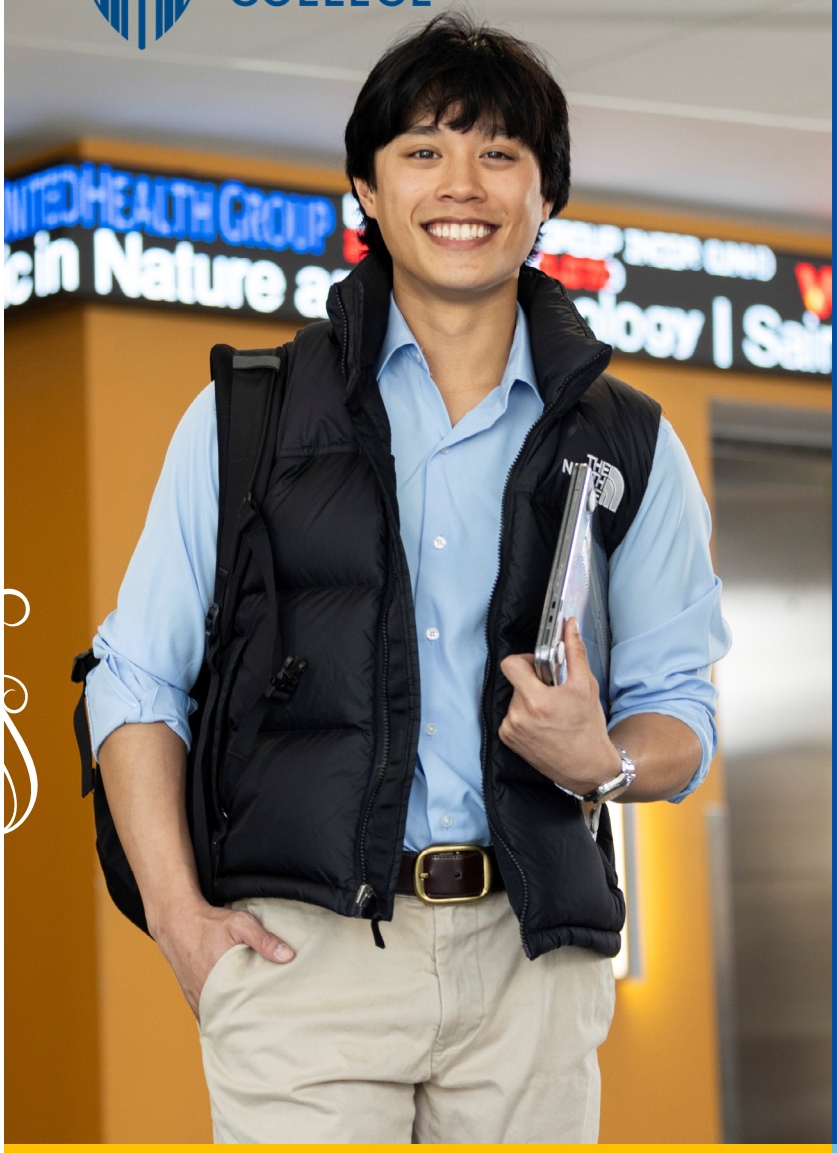

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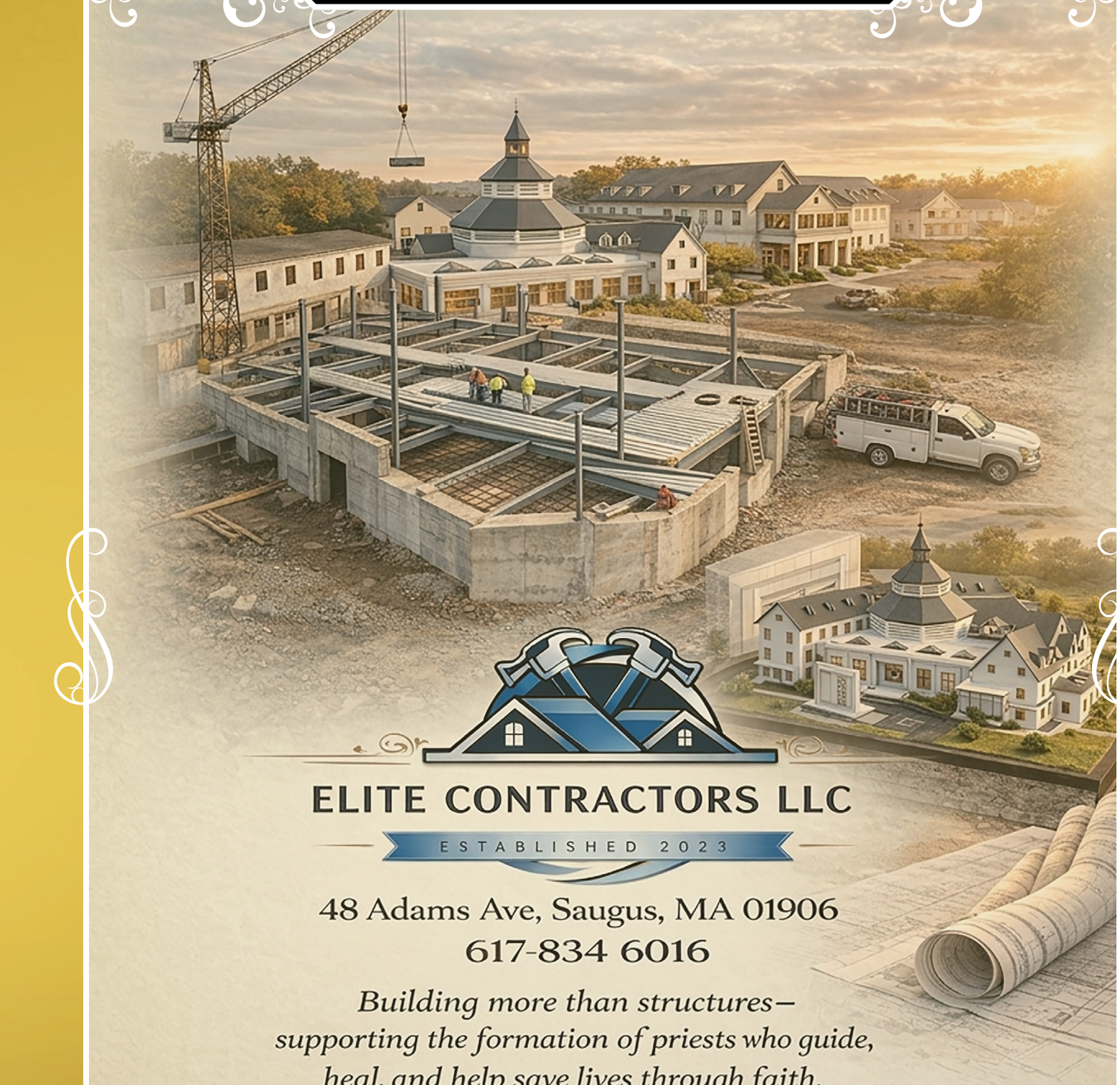

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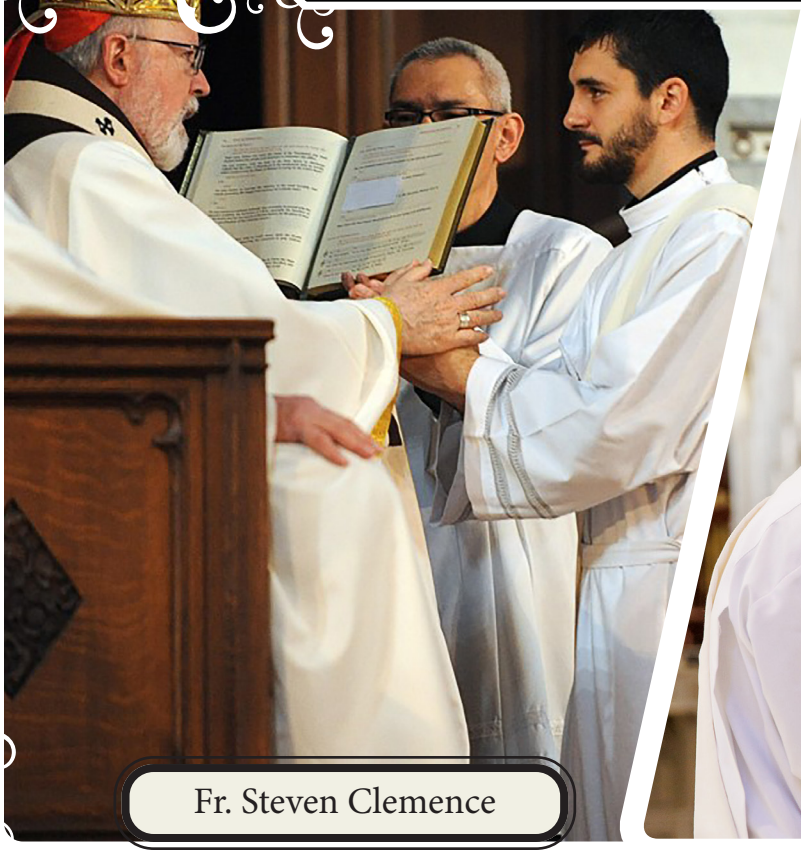

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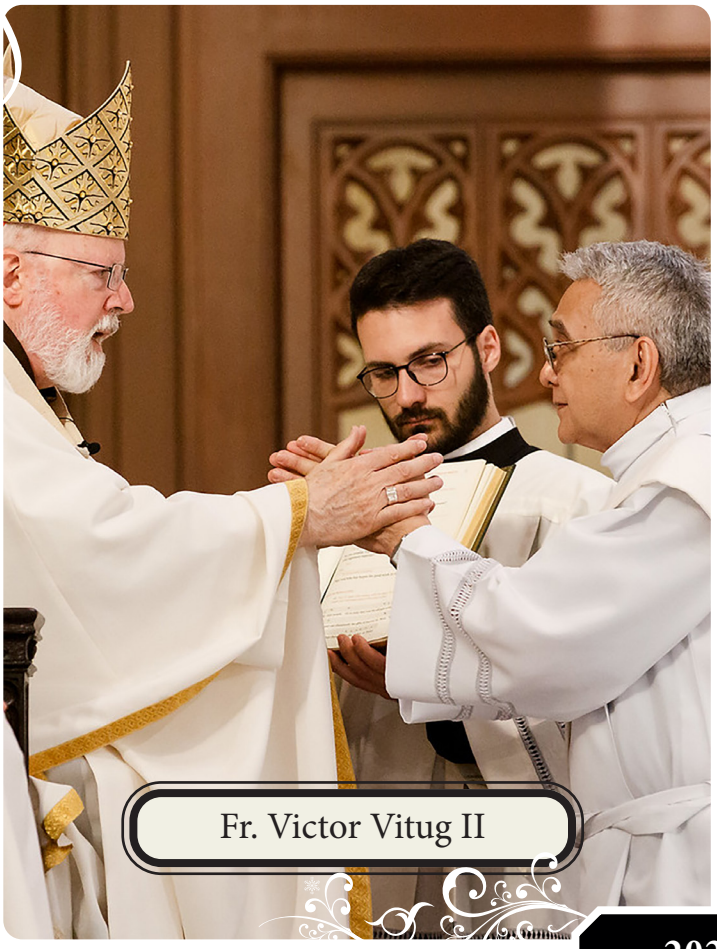

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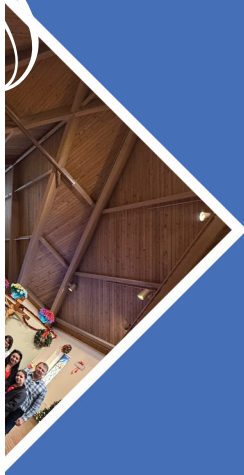

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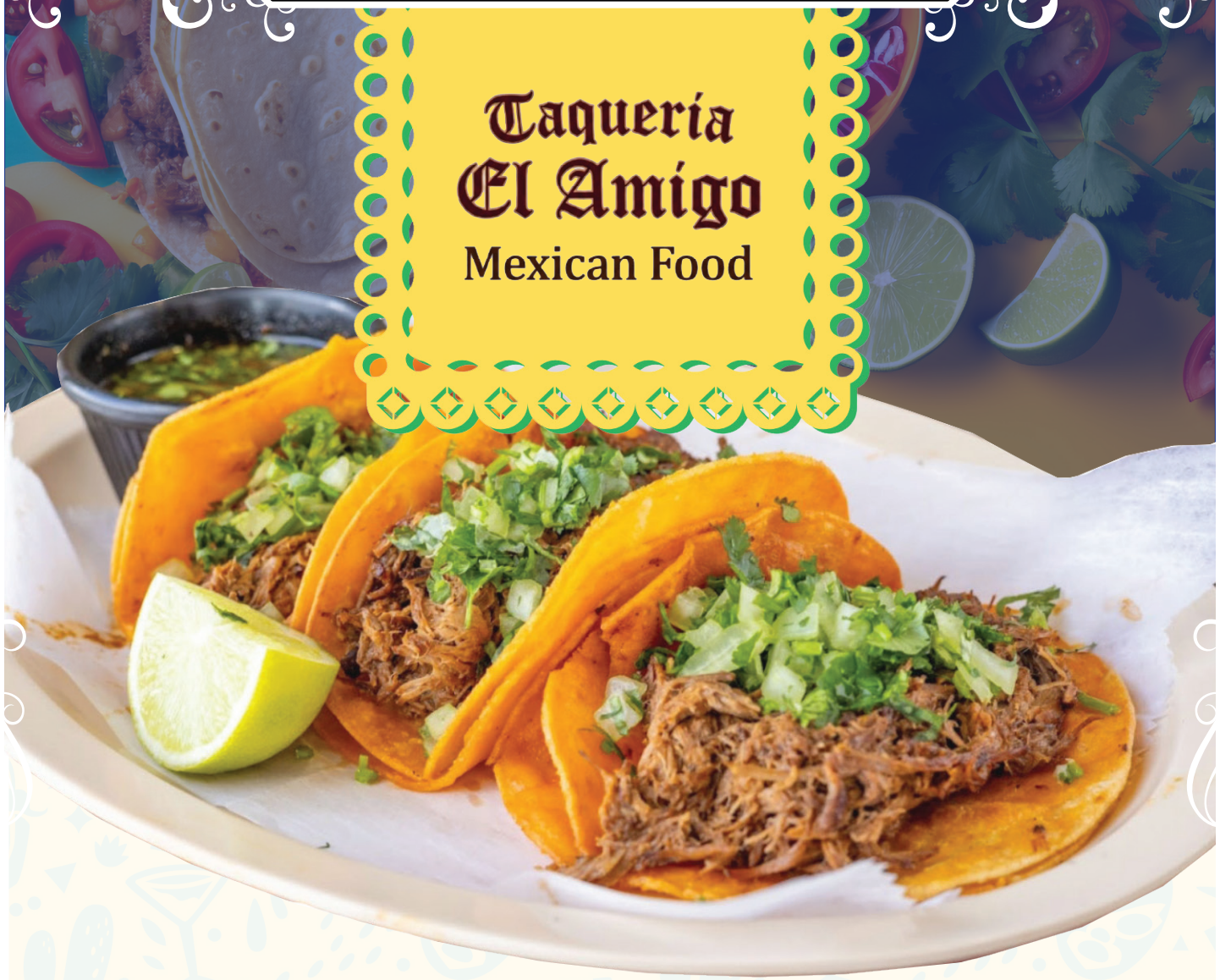





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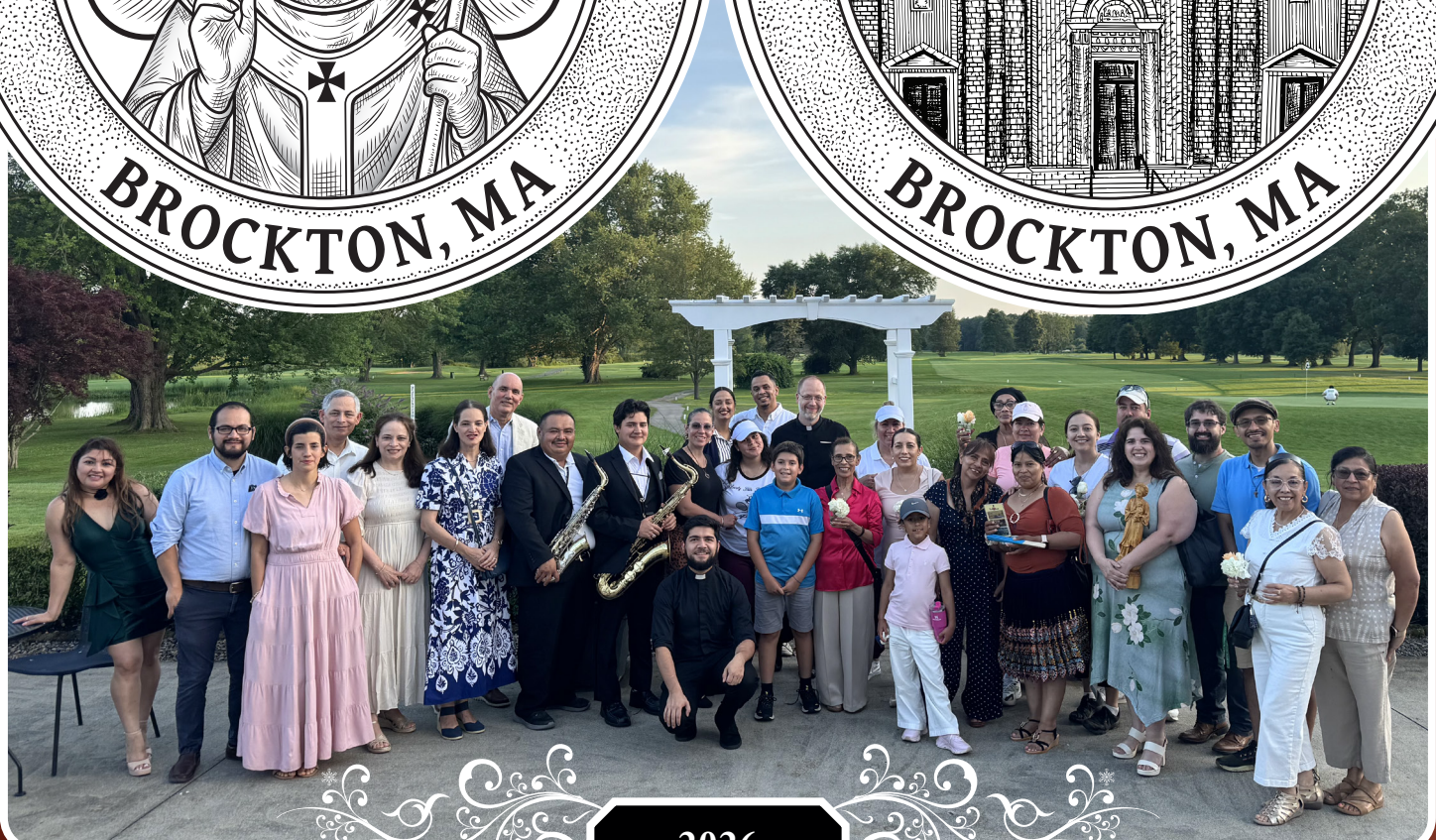

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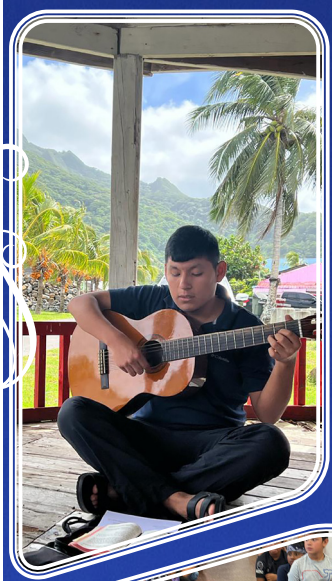









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P. Ignacio, P. Israel, P. Andrea Filippucci, P. Kevin, P. Przemek y P. Adriano.

Gracias por haber ofrecido sus vidas para que nosotros pudiéramos encontrarnos con Jesucristo.

Hoy nos acompaña en la parroquia el P. Víctor, cuya vocación es un testimonio vivo de que el llamado del Señor llega en el momento perfecto. Asimismo, contamos con la presencia de nuestro vicario parroquial, el P. Gabriel Hanley.

Damos gracias a Dios por su vida, por su valentía al responder a su llamado desde joven, y pedimos que el Señor continúe alimentando en él el amor por la Sagrada Escritura, para que pueda transmitirla a los hermanos como pan fresco.

Hacemos también una mención especial a nuestro párroco, el P. Steven Clemence.

Después de todos estos años, solo podemos decir:

"Señor, has sido bueno con nosotros".

Gracias por tu testimonio de fe, por hacer presente a Jesucristo en medio de la asamblea a través de la celebración de los sacramentos.

Pedimos al Señor que continúe concediéndote los dones necesarios y que tu ministerio siga siendo fecundo.

Finalmente, agradecemos al Seminario Redemptoris Mater de Boston por la formación de estos jóvenes y por hacer posible que la predicación, el perdón de los pecados y la comunión en los sacramentos lleguen a nosotros, a nuestros hijos y a toda nuestra comunidad.

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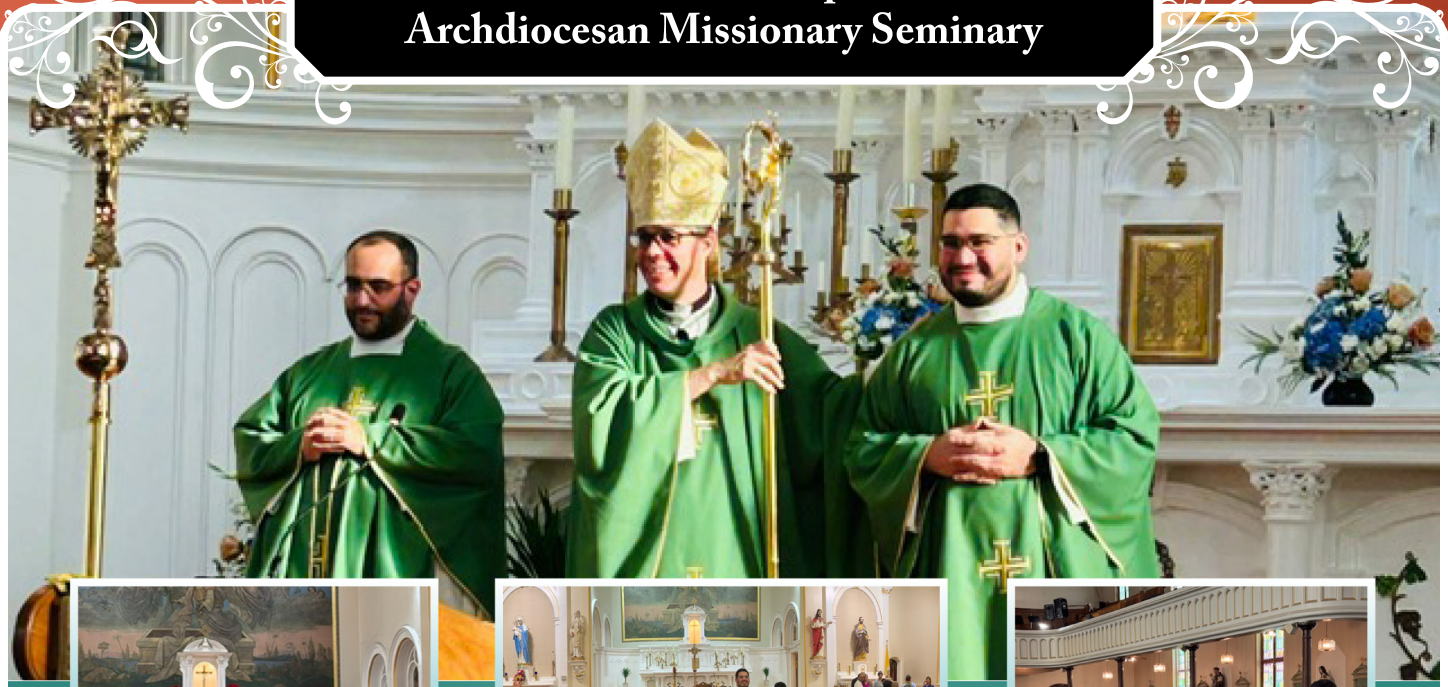







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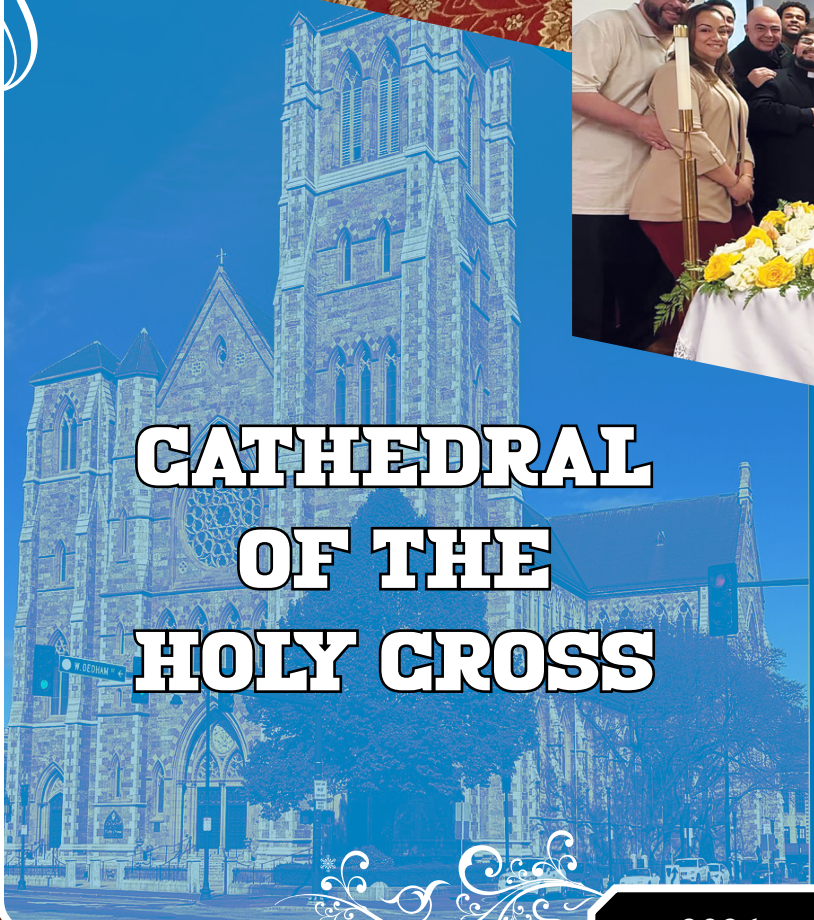

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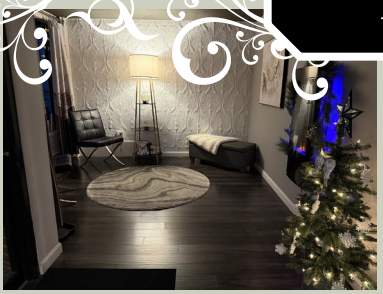





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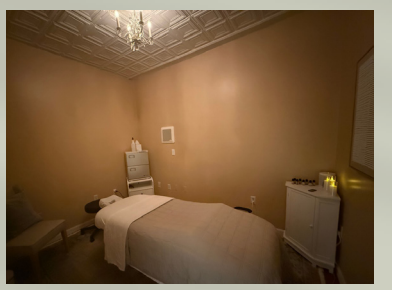

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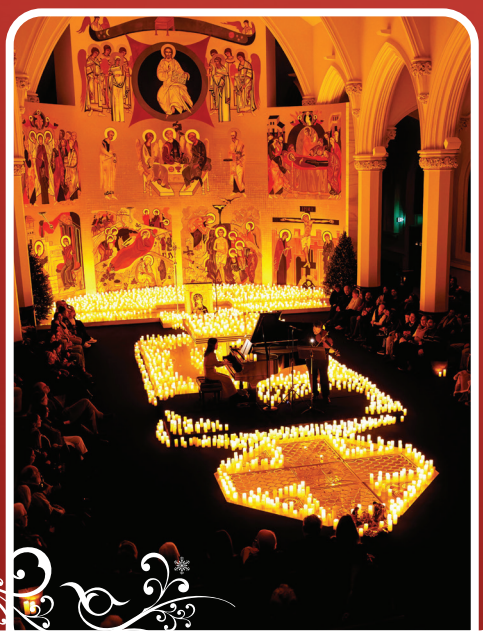

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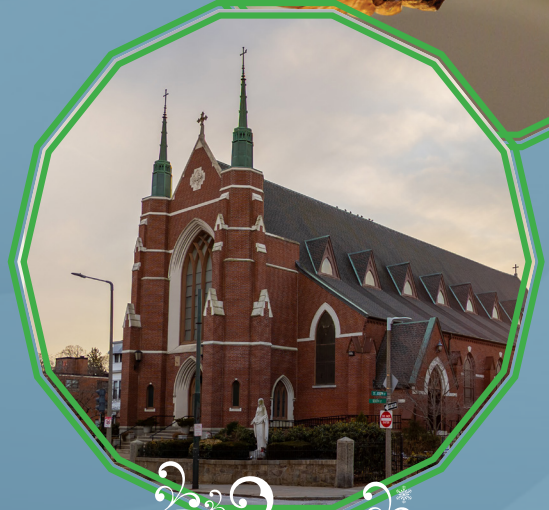

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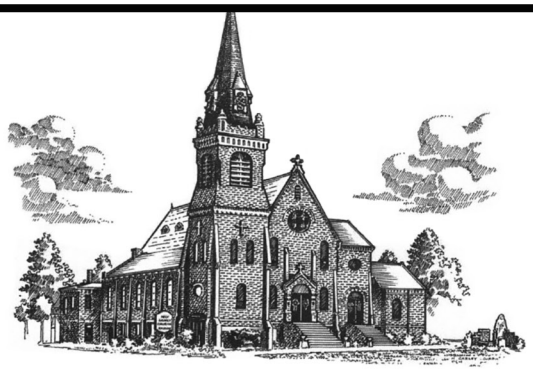

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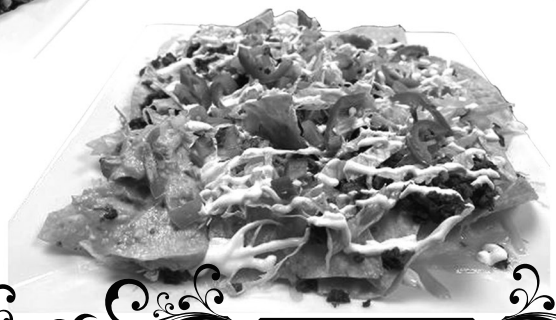

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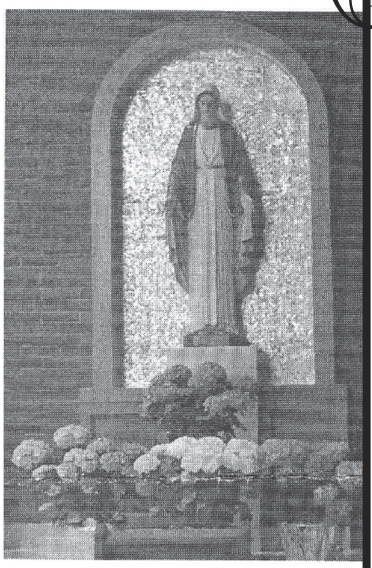

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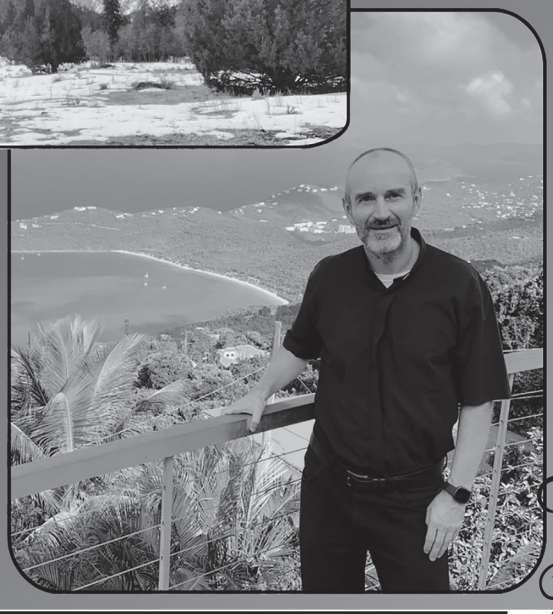

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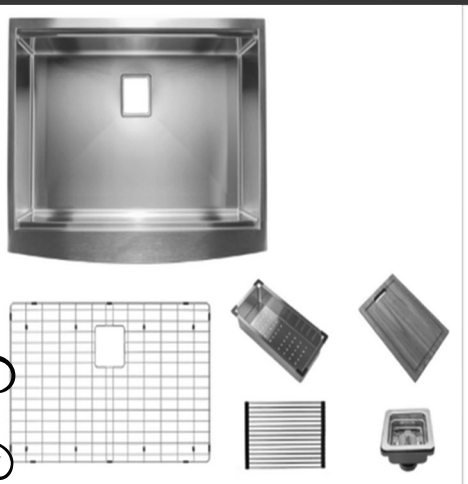







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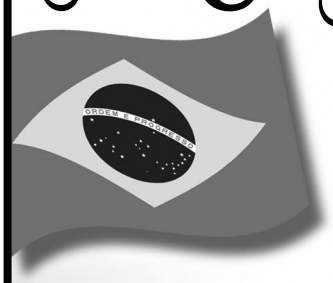

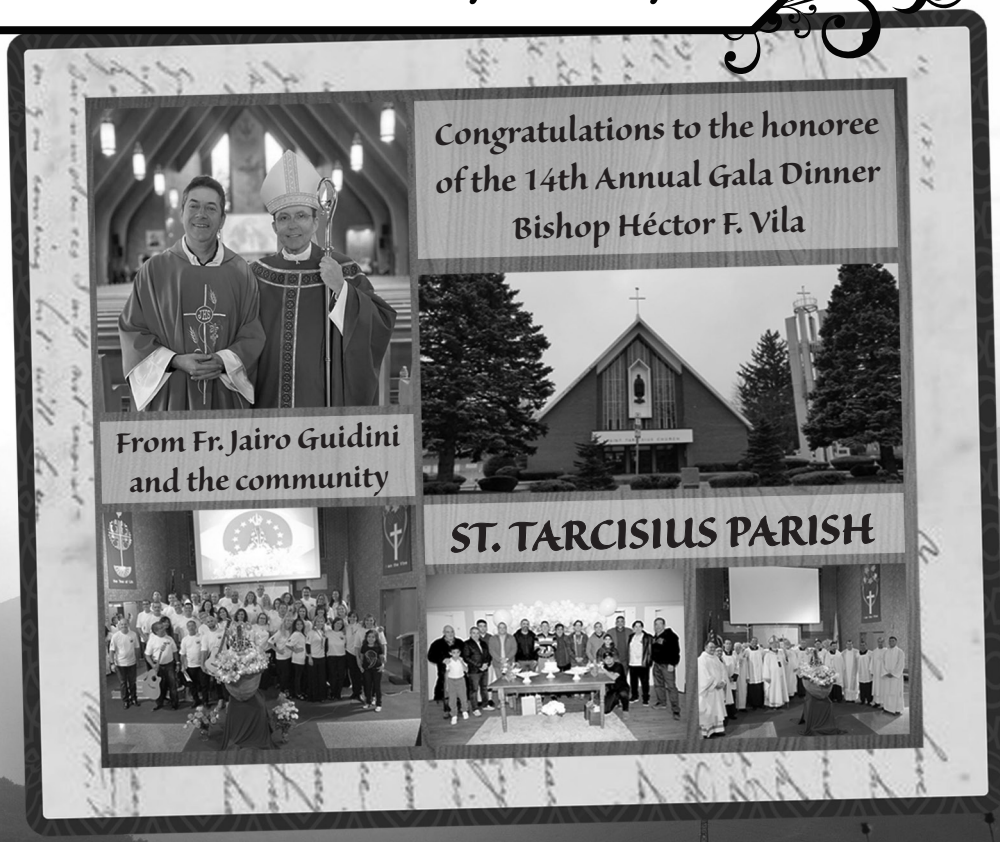



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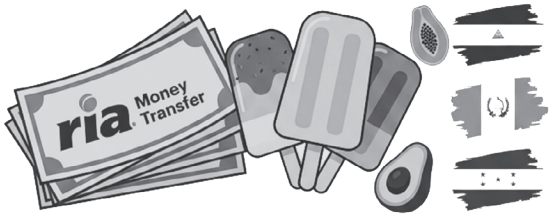

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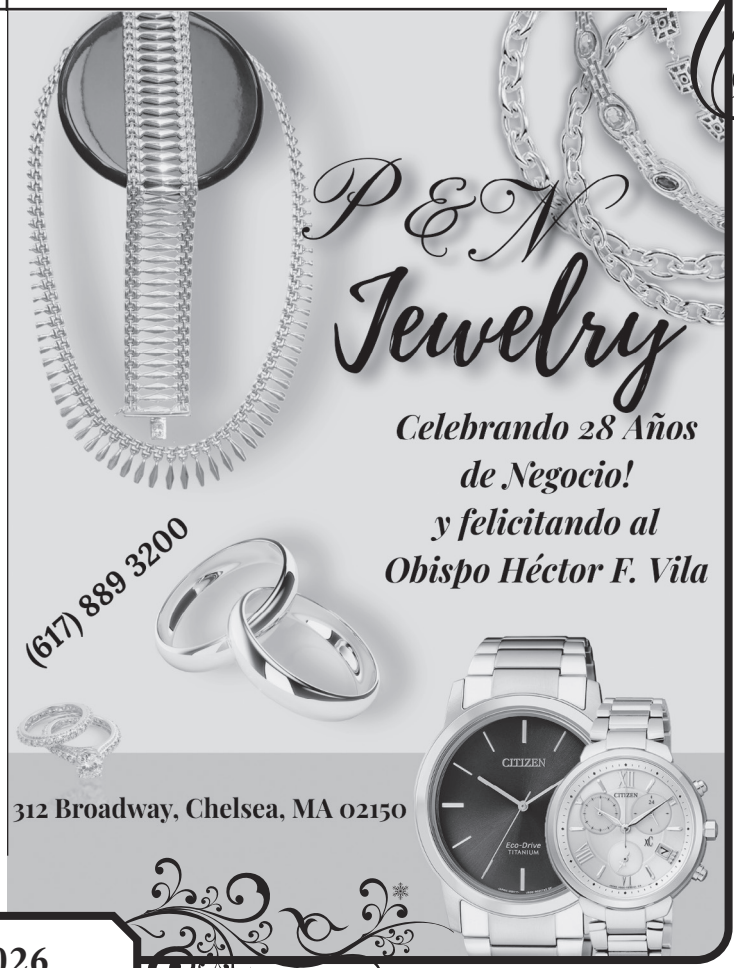

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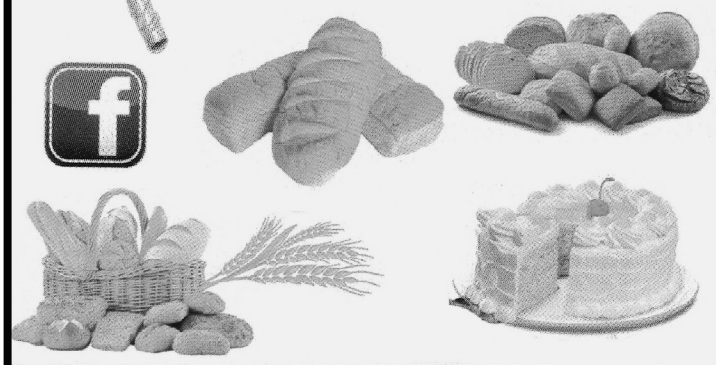

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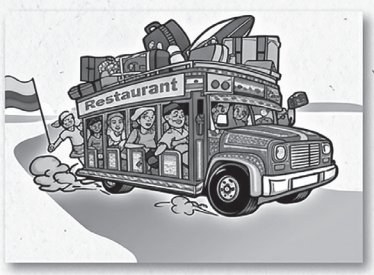

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