

MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Servant General

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have just gotten back from mission to 7 countries in 2 weeks! From the MFC Qatar Conference to Malta to Austria to the MFC Central and Eastern European Conference in Slovakia to Bosnia and Herzegovina to Croatia to the MFC Nordic and North West European Conference in Finland.

We have very good opportunities in Malta, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Croatia! All we had to do is really just **GO** and do what is called of us as a *Missionary community.*

The call is for all of us to **GO ON MISSION!** Connect again with your friends and family all around the world. Tell them about MFC, and then GO on mission! Go with your family, go with your household, go as an Area... just GO!

We are called to live out our name. And the call to go is even louder now. So dust off your luggage, practice your testimony, look through your contacts - the time to go on mission is NOW.

MFC SECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC KIDS



MFC Kids continued to form both children and servant leaders through faith-filled gatherings centered on discipleship, formation, and joyful community life. Servants from Visayas and Mindanao gathered for the Servants' Summit, renewing their encounter with Christ and rediscovering their calling to serve. Across the Visayas, the Build Up Training equipped servant leaders to proclaim God's Word in schools, parishes, and institutions with confidence and zeal. In Tarlac, Kids Day and Kids Camp helped children deepen their faith while building friendships through fun and meaningful activities. Meanwhile, Kiddolympics in Isabela, Batangas, and General Santos taught children discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship rooted in Christian values. In Lapu-Lapu, HeartChamps and Couple Coordinators Training 1 prepared servant leaders to lovingly guide the next generation. Through every gathering, MFC Kids continues to raise children who love Christ and servants who faithfully lead them closer to Him.



Isabela

This month, MFC Kids Isabela held its Kiddolympics, bringing children and servants together through fun-filled games that strengthened friendships, teamwork, and a joyful Christ-centered community.

Batangas

MFC Kids Batangas held its Kiddolympics, bringing children together for a day of fun, friendship, and teamwork while strengthening their bonds as one Christ-centered family.





GenSan

GenSan held its Kiddolympics, bringing children together for a joyful day of games, fellowship, and faith, nurturing Christ-centered friendships in a fun-filled environment.



Visayas

MFC Kids Visayas held Build Up Training to strengthen servant leaders and equip them to share God’s Word in schools, parishes, and institutions.





Lapu-Lapu

MFC Kids Lapu-Lapu conducted HCT and CCT 1, equipping servants to care for the little ones and serve the community with love and purpose.

Tarlac







MFC Kids Tarlac held Kids Day and Kids Camp. It helped the Kids discover more about their faith to Jesus and made new friends through fun activities.

Servants’ Summit





MFC Kids servants from across Visayas and Mindanao gathered on September 5 for the Servants' Summit, renewing their encounter with Christ and rediscovering their calling to serve His children with joy and purpose.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC YOUTH

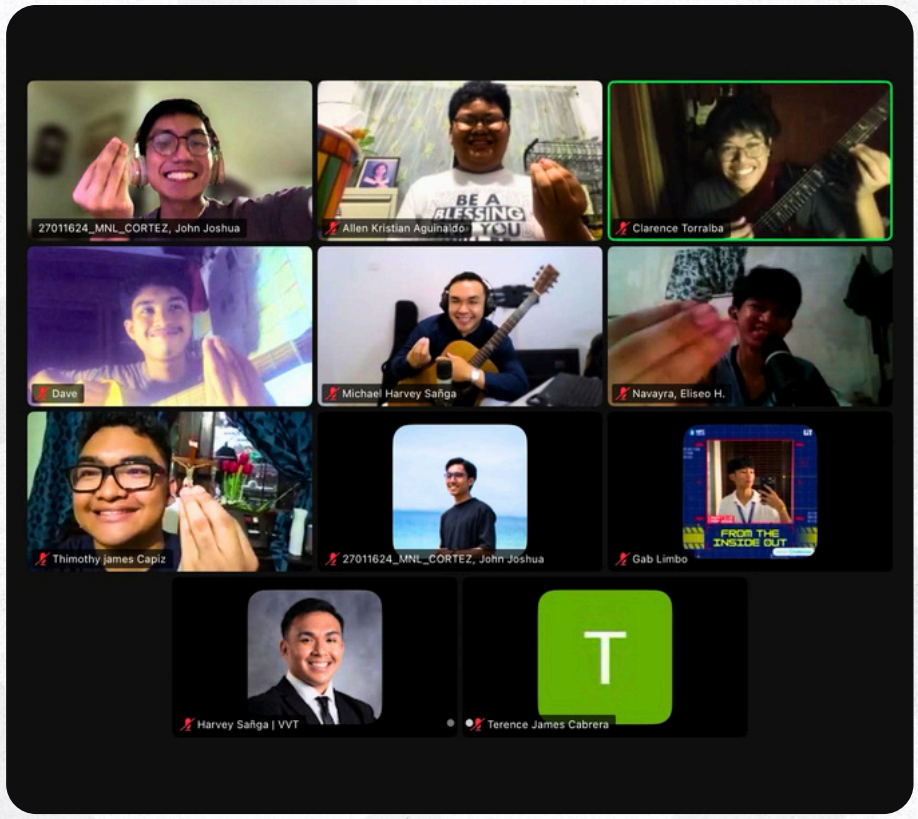


MFC Youth continued to form young disciples and servant leaders through opportunities for creativity, formation, leadership, and encounter with Christ. Across Luzon and NCR, the Creative Camp encouraged young people to discover how their God-given talents can become instruments of evangelization, while the Nationwide Guitar Workshop strengthened both musical skills and hearts for worship. In Cagayan de Oro, the Youth Camp provided a life-changing encounter with God and a welcoming community where young people could deepen their faith. Meanwhile, Area Core Retreats, Household Servants Trainings, and the Koronadal Covenant Recollection renewed servant leaders in their calling and equipped them to build Christ-centered communities. Through every gathering, MFC Youth continues to raise a generation rooted in Christ, formed in discipleship, and ready to lead others to Him.



MFC Youth LIT

MFC Youth were encouraged to explore their gifts and recognize that creativity can be a meaningful way to express their faith and evangelize others.



MFC Youth LIT

Second session for guitar workshop happened. The youth were able improve their guitar skills while understanding how music can contribute to prayer and worship.



Cagayan de Oro

The youth camp gave opportunity to encounter God and provided a safe space for participants to build relationships and respond more openly to God's call.



Davao and Digos

ACR helped servant leaders reflect more on their calling and renew their commitment to service. serving others begins with allowing God to strengthen thEM.



Quezon

The training highlighted the important role of servant leaders in creating communities where relationships can grow and members can encounter Christ.



Koronadal

MFC Youth Koronadal held its Covenant Recollection, a blessed day to deepen their covenant with God, during which 15 youth received their covenant.



Saranggani

MFC Youth Sarangani held a Household Training, welcoming 5 new servants and strengthening the foundation for a renewed and continued household in their area.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC SINGLES



This month, MFC Singles continued to build a vibrant community through fellowship, formation, and evangelization. In Melbourne, members celebrated the 38th Anniversary of MFC Victoria with a joyful Sports Festival and successful fundraiser, giving thanks for years of community life and mission. Across NCR, committed servants gathered for a grace-filled Committed Servants Weekend, renewing their unity in Christ through worship, formation, and fellowship. Meanwhile, Zamboanga and Tangub welcomed eight new members through their Christian Life Seminars, continuing the mission of leading more young adults into a life-changing relationship with Christ. Through every celebration, formation, and evangelization effort, MFC Singles remains committed to raising disciples rooted in faith and ready to share Christ wherever they are called.



NCR Central

MFC Singles Makati Manila concluded Camp Wagi 8, a Christian Life Seminar, welcoming 25 new MFC Singles into the community!



NCR South

MFC Singles NCR South held its Area Covenant Recollection last Sept. 19 at Tata Dune Hall, renewing their commitment to Christ, family, community, and mission.



AMP

MFC Singles relaunched Panhik last Sept. 26 at Mt. Sipit Ulang, Rizal! A joyful climb to build friendships, enjoy creation, and grow in faith.



Eastern Visayas

MFC Singles Eastern Visayas Servant Leaders gathered Sept. 19–20 in Tacloban for CSW, renewing their hearts for Christ, community, and mission.



Iloilo

MFC Singles Iloilo gathered Sept. 27 to renew their commitment to Christ and community, deepening their covenant and call to mission.



Davao

Another answered prayer! MFC Singles Davao successfully conducted CLS for three consecutive weekends, welcoming 3 new members into MFC.



Saranggani

MFC Singles Sarangani held their Covenant Recollection, an official pastoral formation welcoming new members into MFC, three months after their CLS last June.



Polomok

Youth and Singles came together for a Gear Up Training, equipping youth and Singles household and unit servants to grow in worship, assembly, and speaking.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC COUPLES



This month, MFC Couples continued to strengthen families and expand the mission through fellowship, formation, and Church collaboration. Members gathered for the second Pickleball Tournament Season, promoting healthy lifestyles while deepening the bonds between husbands and wives through friendly competition. In Dagupan, MFC Couples was invited to present its family formation programs to the parents of minor seminarians, introducing the community's mission of family renewal. The ministry also served at the North and Central Luzon Family and Life Conference, where it facilitated a session on listening and accompaniment and presented its programs and formations to Family and Life ministers from across the region. Through these opportunities, MFC Couples continues to support the Church by forming Christ-centered families equipped to accompany, evangelize, and serve others.



Pickle Ball Tournament

On September 19, 12 participants gathered for the second MFC Couples Pickleball Tournament Season, strengthening marriages through fellowship, fitness, friendly competition, and quality time together.

North and Central Luzon

On September 25, MFC Couples presented its family formation programs to 200 participants during the North and Central Luzon Family and Life Conference, strengthening partnerships in evangelization and family renewal.





Dagupan

On September 6, MFC Couples presented its family formation programs to 60 parents of minor seminarians in Dagupan, fostering stronger partnerships in family life formation and evangelization.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC HANDMAIDS



MFC Handmaids continued to nurture women in every season of life through gatherings centered on faith, healing, and authentic sisterhood. In Batangas, Handmaids came together for the Tahanan Tagpuan Assembly and the Handmaids Enrichment Retreat 1 & 2, renewing their relationship with Christ and strengthening their bonds as sisters in mission. Specialized gatherings also ministered to women in different life situations through the Online Tahanan Tagpuan for Sole Sisters and the Heart to Heart Quarterly Online Tagpuan, creating safe spaces for sharing, healing, and spiritual growth. Meanwhile, Cavite conducted its Provincial Area Teaching, The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully, while NCR Central held its Online Tahanan Tagpuan Assembly. Through every gathering, MFC Handmaids continues to build a community where every woman is formed, accompanied, and empowered to live faithfully in Christ.



Batangas

On September 12, 104 Handmaids gathered in Batangas for the Quarterly Tahanan Tagpuan Assembly, sharing life experiences in small groups and strengthening their bonds as sisters in Christ.



Batangas

On September 19, nearly 60 Handmaids from Batangas gathered for the back-to-back Handmaids Enrichment Retreat 1 & 2, renewing their faith and deepening their commitment to Christ and mission.



Cavite

On September 26, 190 Handmaids from Cavite gathered for the Provincial Area Teaching, The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully, embracing God's gift of aging with faith, wisdom, and hope.

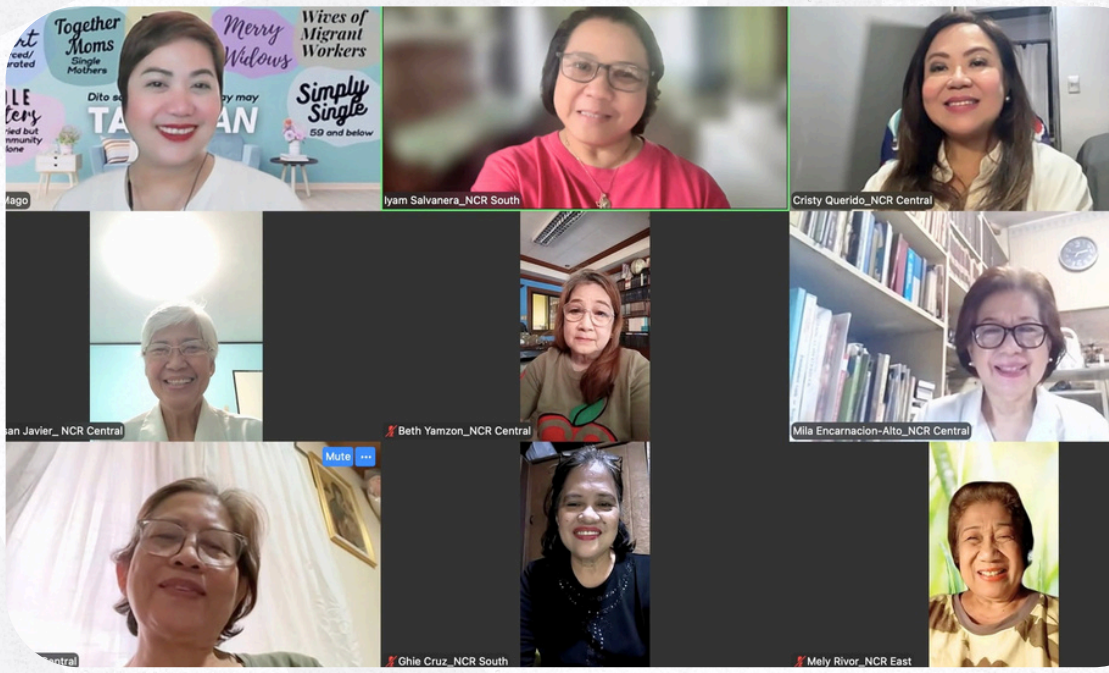


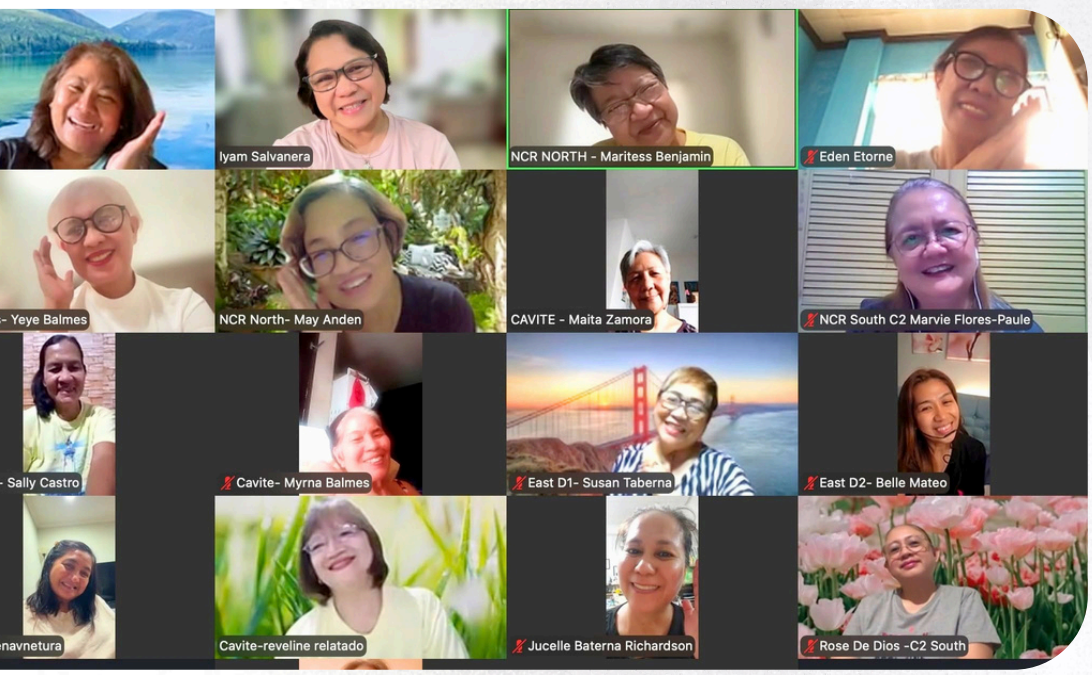
NCR Central

On September 25, 38 Handmaids from NCR Central gathered online for the Tahanan Tagpuan Assembly, strengthening sisterhood through meaningful sharing and fellowship across different life situations.

Tahanan

On September 12, 12 Sole Sisters gathered online for Tahanan Tagpuan, reflecting on forgiveness and encouraging one another to grow in faith, healing, and Christ-centered relationships.





Tahanan

On September 20, 20 Handmaids gathered online for the Heart to Heart Quarterly Tagpuan, finding healing, encouragement, and sisterhood through heartfelt sharing and Christ-centered fellowship.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC SERVANTS



MFC Servants continued to bring Christ's love to those on the margins through the expanding mission of LCSC ASTiG. Across correctional facilities in Rizal, Laguna, and neighboring areas, Life in Christ Seminars, SELF formation, and program presentations strengthened the spiritual journey of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) and opened new partnerships with jail administrators, including the launch of the ministry's 14th BJMP mission site in San Mateo, Rizal. The mission also reached beyond formation through scrap cloth donations supporting PDL livelihood programs and participation in the Launching of Kalinga sa Paglaya in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. Meanwhile, a Brain Training Seminar equipped servant leaders for more effective ministry. Through every mission field, MFC Servants remains committed to proclaiming Christ's hope, restoring dignity, and ensuring that no one is left behind.

NCR North



On September 1, 12 MFC Servants from the North Area donated scrap cloth to BJMP Cainta Female Dorm, supporting the livelihood program of Persons Deprived of Liberty through compassionate service.



On September 10, 35 MFC Servants joined the consultative meeting at BJMP Rodriguez Female Dorm, strengthening collaboration with jail officials for the continued LCSC mission.



On September 10, MFC Servants introduced the LCSC ministry to the newly opened BJMP Female Dorm in San Mateo, Rizal, marking the community's 14th correctional facility mission.



On September 11, 40 participants joined Batch 3 of the Life in Christ Seminar at BJMP Antipolo Female Dorm, bringing Christ's hope and renewal to Persons Deprived of Liberty.

NCR North



On September 14, 40 participants gathered for Batch 4 of the Life in Christ Seminar at BJMP Antipolo Male Dorm, continuing the mission of leading every PDL to Christ.



On September 18, 35 participants attended the launch of the SELF Program, discovering the true identity of a servant through formation in humility, obedience, and integrity.



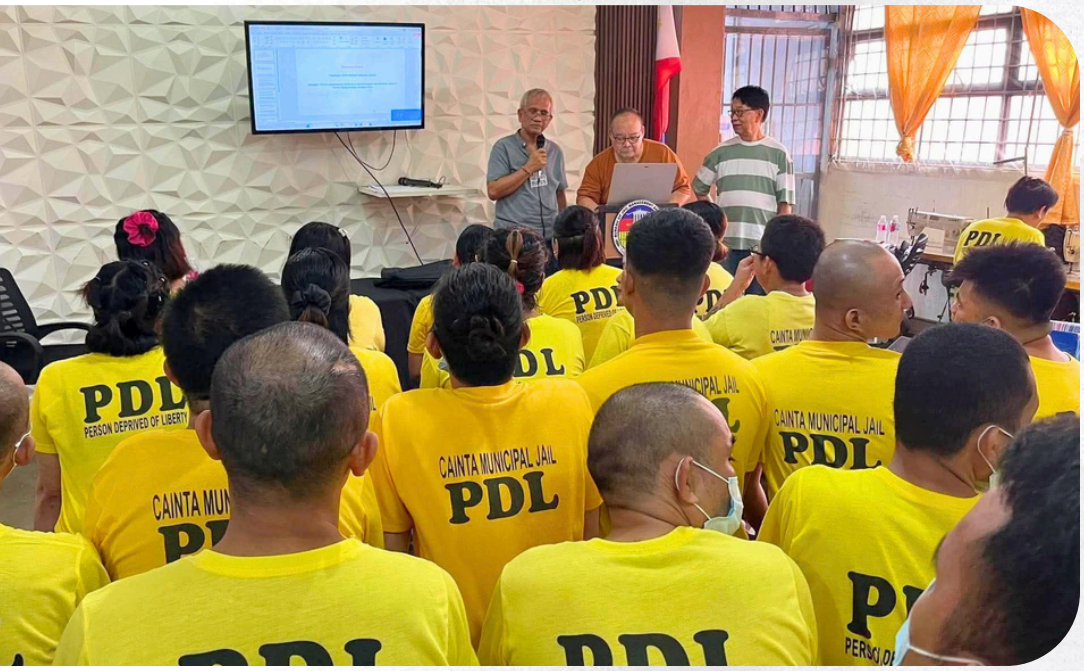
On September 24, 12 MFC Servants donated scrap cloth to BJMP Cainta, supporting livelihood opportunities for Persons Deprived of Liberty through practical acts of Christian service.

Rizal





Throughout September, 500 participants from Pililla and Baras, Rizal joined the Life in Christ Seminar, encountering Christ through spiritual formation, worship, and the message of hope, healing, and new life.



NCR East

On September 18, 35 participants joined the Life in Christ Seminar at BJMP Cainta Female Dorm, where MFC Servants shared Christ's love and brought hope to the least, the last, and the lost.

Laguna

On September 15, 25 participants joined the launch of Kalinga sa Paglaya at BJMP Sta. Rosa, Laguna, strengthening the shared mission of bringing Christ's hope and care to Persons Deprived of Liberty.





Sectionwide

On September 29, 35 MFC Servants gathered for the Brain Training Seminar, equipping themselves through learning and formation to become more effective and mission-ready servant leaders.

MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST

World Mission Center

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

ON THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The groundbreaking of the MFC World Mission Center on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reminds us that all belong to Christ.



Originally scheduled for September 8, Mama Mary's birthday, it was moved due to the weather. It is affirming that we now celebrate it on the Feast of the Holy Cross, a reminder that Mama Mary always points us to Jesus.

To Fix our eyes on Christ.

As we begin this phase, may Jesus be our strong foundation, and may every sacrifice, service, and generosity be offered for His greater glory.

This building will be more than a structure it will be a home base for MFC, where missionary families gather, lives are formed, prayers are offered, and Christ's mission is lived. Deep roots. Strong foundations. Rooted in Christ. Built set solidly on Rock!

Let's continue to pray and support our WMC Building Project, all for the Lord! Onward and upward in Christ!

MFC ONE ACTIVITIES

NCR Activities



On **September 26–27, more than 180 couples of MFC Couples NCR servant leaders gathered for the Annual Seniors Retreat,** renewing their identity in Christ and recommitting themselves as Gideon 300 missionaries—ready to evangelize with faith, courage, and trust in God's call.



NCR Central sisters gathered for an overnight, enjoying a BINI-themed weekend of worship, fellowship, and formation while growing together in faith and sisterhood.

Luzon Activities



On **September 19–20, MFC Laguna held MER 2** at the Mother of Merciful Retreat Center in Tagaytay City, **gathering 32 couples** for a weekend of renewal, formation, and deeper commitment to Christ-centered family life.



On **September 26–27, Missionary Families of Christ held a Christian Life Seminar in Bato, Camarines Sur, welcoming 26 participants** into a deeper life in Christ and the MFC community through household life and mission.



Celebrating 34 years of God's faithfulness, MFC Oriental Mindoro gathered under the theme "Rooted in Mission: Sent to Be His Light," renewing its commitment to live the Gospel and bring Christ's light to families and communities.

Visayas Activities



On **September 19–20, MFC Iloilo and Guimaras held their Marriage Enrichment Retreat** at the Trappist Monastery in Guimaras, renewing couples in their vocation and strengthening Christ-centered marriages.

Mindanao Activities



Held on **July 18–19, MFC Zamboanga successfully conducted MER 1 and 2**, renewing couples in their vocation and strengthening Christ-centered marriages through a Spirit-filled weekend of formation and renewal.



On September 27, MFC GenSan held its Kiddolympics, bringing children together for a joyful day of games, fellowship, and faith, nurturing Christ-centered friendships in a fun-filled environment.

MFC INTERNATIONAL

Activities



Canada



Held on August 22–23, MFC Youth Canada gathered 43 participants from North Battleford, Saskatoon, and Yorkton for a camp that led young people to a deeper encounter with Christ through prayer, worship, and fellowship.

Ontario



On September 19–20, MFC Youth Canada welcomed 54 new graduates through a weekend camp at the Valley of the Mother of God, made possible by the loving service of 53 dedicated volunteers and parent supporters.

Montreal



MFC Canada celebrated the successful conclusion of its first Christian Life Seminar in Montreal, welcoming 23 new members and officially opening the eastern mission of the MFC community in Canada.

Central & Eastern Europe



More than 300 MFC Couples and Handmaids from Central and Eastern Europe gathered in Bratislava, Slovakia on **September 18–20** for the first of three regional congresses, celebrating God's faithfulness and renewing their commitment to mission.

Nordic & Northern Europe



Around 300 participants from the Nordic and Northern European countries gathered in Espoo, Finland on **September 25–27** for the Couples and Handmaids Congress, celebrating faith, fellowship, and mission across the region.

New Zealand



From August 15 to September 20, MFC New Zealand welcomed new members through its Christian Life Seminar, beginning their journey of faith as they grow more deeply rooted in Christ and community.

New Zealand



From September 25–27, MFC Youth New Zealand gathered at Ferndale Village for its **Youth Camp,** growing deeper in faith, building lasting friendships, and becoming more rooted in Christ.

Nordic & Northwest Regions



From **September 25–27, MFC members from the Nordic and Northwest Regions gathered for the MFC European Conference 2026,** renewing their faith and commitment to remain rooted and built up in Christ.



Nearly 100 Handmaids gathered in Mumbai on September 26 for the Renewal of the MFC Covenant, reaffirming their commitment to Christ and their mission as faithful women of God.



Welcomed by MFC Mumbai Area Servant Bro. Lino Rupa Fernandes, a mother-and-daughter missionary team serving together since 1997 inspired members through their enduring witness to faith and mission.

India



On September 20, nearly 600 Handmaids from across India gathered in Goa for the 2026 National Handmaids Conference, renewing their faith and mission together with Menchie and Bambi Donato from the Philippines.

India



On September 26, Sis Menchie Donato met with the eight-member Handmaids Mumbai Core Group, strengthening coordination and collaboration for the continued growth of the mission in Mumbai.

Abu Dhabi



MFC Singles Abu Dhabi gathered for their General Assembly last September 18 and reflected on the life of Our Lady of Sorrows, a reminder that pain is not the end, and that every sorrow can lead to an Assumption, a new beginning, and greater hope in God.

Qatar



On September 11, MFC Qatar gathered more than 250 participants from across all sections for its annual Echo Conference in Al Khor, renewing hearts and strengthening the community's commitment to Christ and mission.

UAE



Last September 19, MFC UAE gathered its Senior Core Group in Dubai, renewing servant leaders in unity and reminding them that, despite differences, they belong to one body serving one Lord.

Dubai



Last September 29, MFC Singles Indian Brethren in Dubai reflected on trusting God's perfect timing, embracing every season of waiting as an opportunity to grow, serve, and deepen their faith.

Taiwan



On September 26–27, MFC Couples introduced the community in two parishes in Taiwan, opening new opportunities to share the mission of family renewal and evangelization.

Dubai



During the **General Assembly on September 25, MFC Singles Dubai** reflected that love is worth waiting for, encouraging members to trust God's perfect timing and remain faithful in every season.

Dubai



Last September 27, MFC Youth Dubai held its Worship Workshop, deepening participants' understanding that true worship is a wholehearted response of love, surrender, and devotion to Jesus.

Hong Kong & Macau



On September 13, 80 Handmaids from Hong Kong and Macau gathered for the 2026 Handmaids Congress, Pananatili, renewing their commitment to remain rooted in Christ and faithful to His mission.

Melbourne



MFC Singles Melbourne joined our Couples for this month's **General Assembly,** learning how to discern with the Holy Spirit as we navigate the modern world.

WHEN MAGIC STARTED TO FADE, ONE THING REMAINED

A sharing by Sis. Mary Joy Caday, a full time missionary assigned in Mission Studios

When I was still a kid, I used to believe in magic. Even then, at the back of my mind, I knew that behind every magic trick was something my parents had prepared. But as I grew older and faced the different realities of life, I slowly lost that sense of wonder and awe.

Until, through the help of the community, I discovered a greater sense of purpose.

It brought color back into my life through authentic friendships and the people I met along the way—people who helped shape who I am today. Through them, I began to see life differently and rediscover the beauty of simply being with others.

But God, in His faithfulness, never stopped revealing greater things to me.

When I became a Mission Volunteer, I experienced another kind of wonder through my first mission trip to Mindanao. It was there that I began to see how big our mission truly is. I experienced how good God is as I saw His presence in every person I encountered, especially the people we served and those who welcomed us into their homes and generously extended their help to us.

When I came home, I knew I had been changed. It was as if I was enchanted because those who have gone before me have been saying that whenever you go there, you'll experience the magic of Mindanao.

That experience was also the beginning of my active discernment to become a full-time missionary. A few years later, I said yes to God's call because, deep in my heart, I knew I wanted to give my life back to Him—to serve Him and love Him through this beautiful mission He had entrusted to me.

Looking back, I am deeply grateful that God allowed me to become a missionary. I thought I had lost my sense of wonder as I grew older, but through mission, God taught me to see the world again with a different kind of awe—not the magic I once believed in as a child, but the wonder of seeing His goodness in people, in service, in friendship, and in the lives He allows me to touch.

Being a missionary has changed the way I see my life. It has given me a deeper sense of purpose, opened my heart to people, and taught me that there is so much beauty in giving one's life for something greater than oneself. And for that, I will always be grateful.

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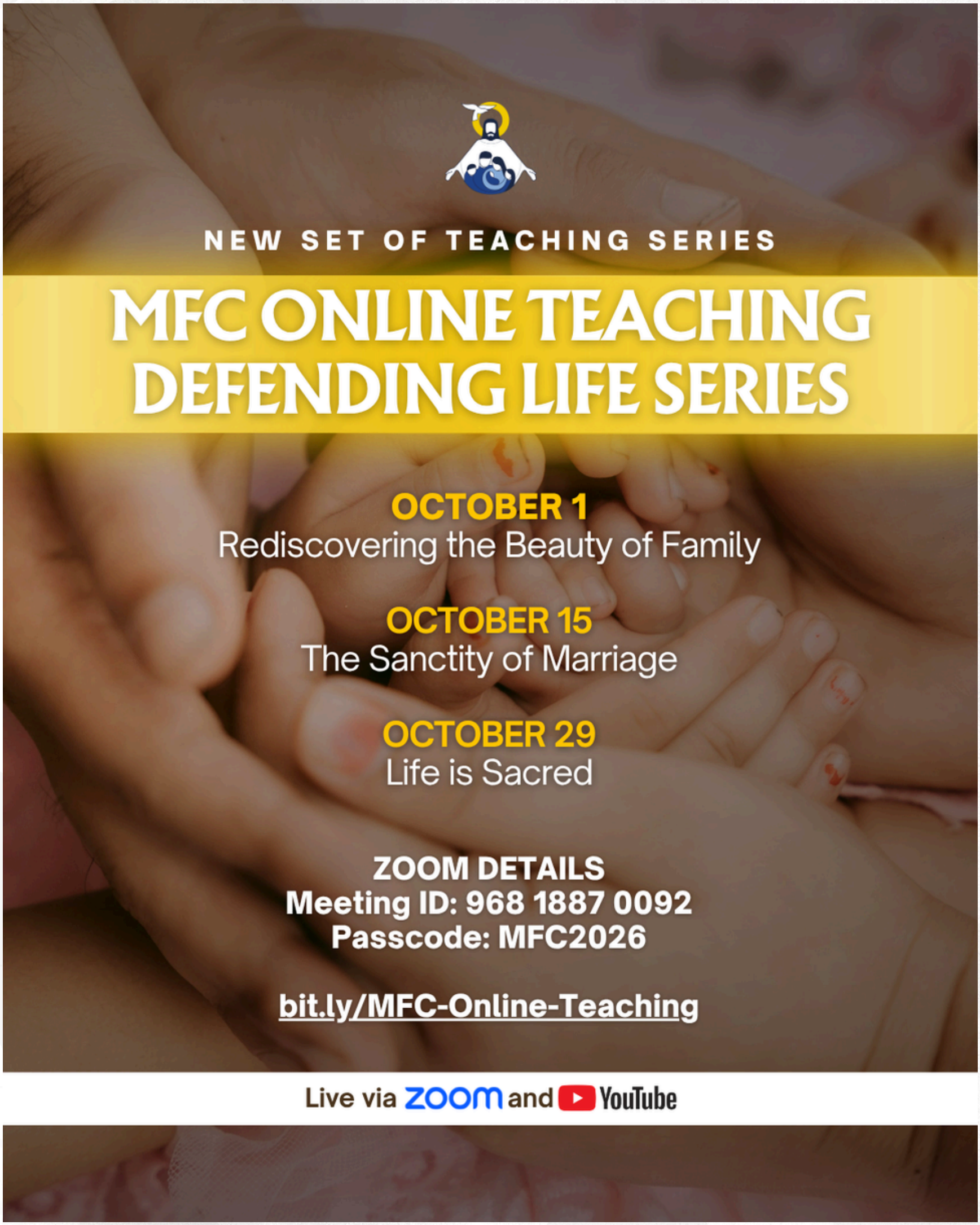
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Rediscovering the Beauty of Family
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MFC International Day of Consecration

to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

October 7 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM PHT
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Mandaluyong

Live on Facebook and YouTube



Program Schedule

6:45 PM	Gathering
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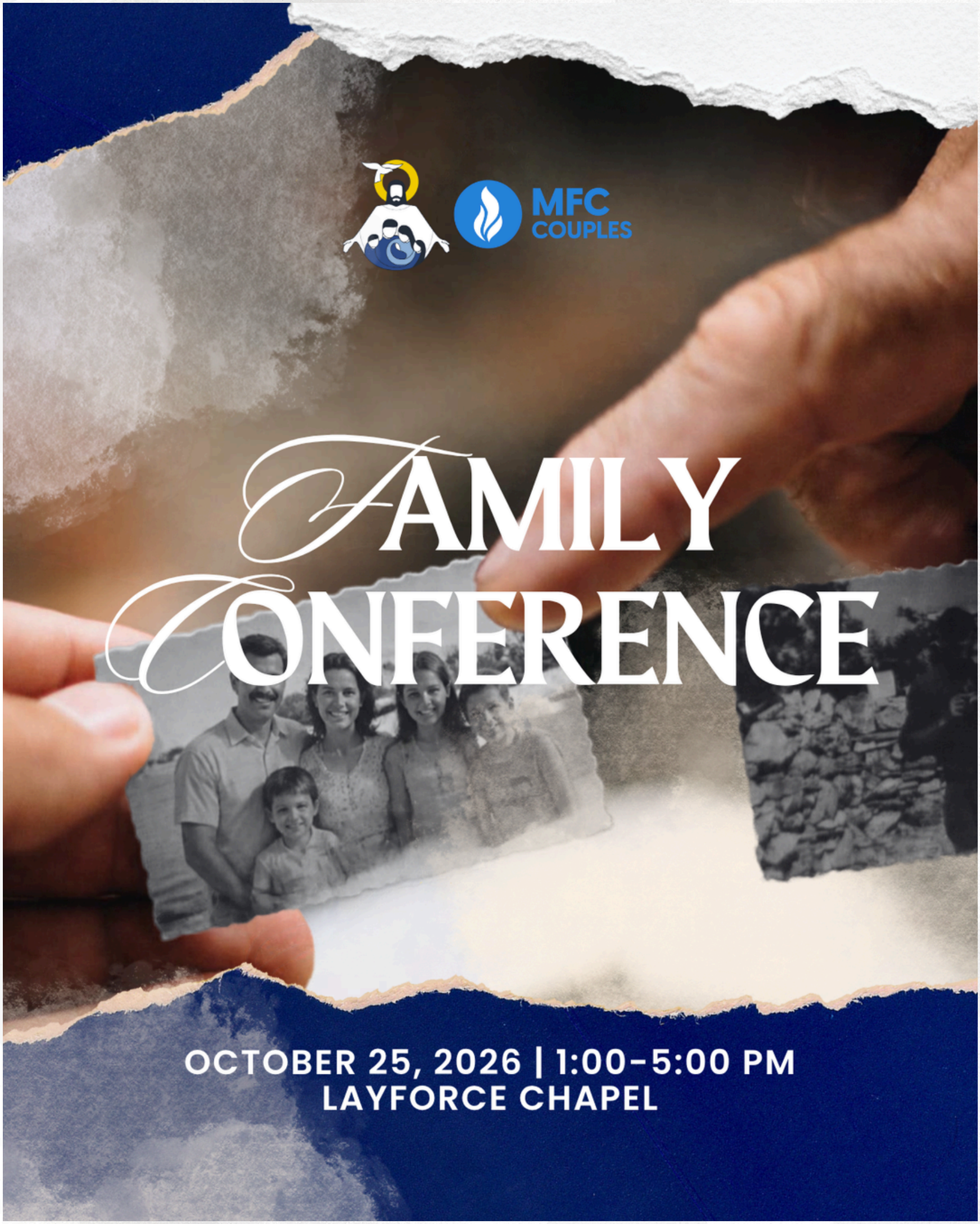
7:30 PM	Message from the Servant General
7:45 PM	Holy Mass
8:45 PM	Coffee Table Book Launching
9:00 PM	Fellowship

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