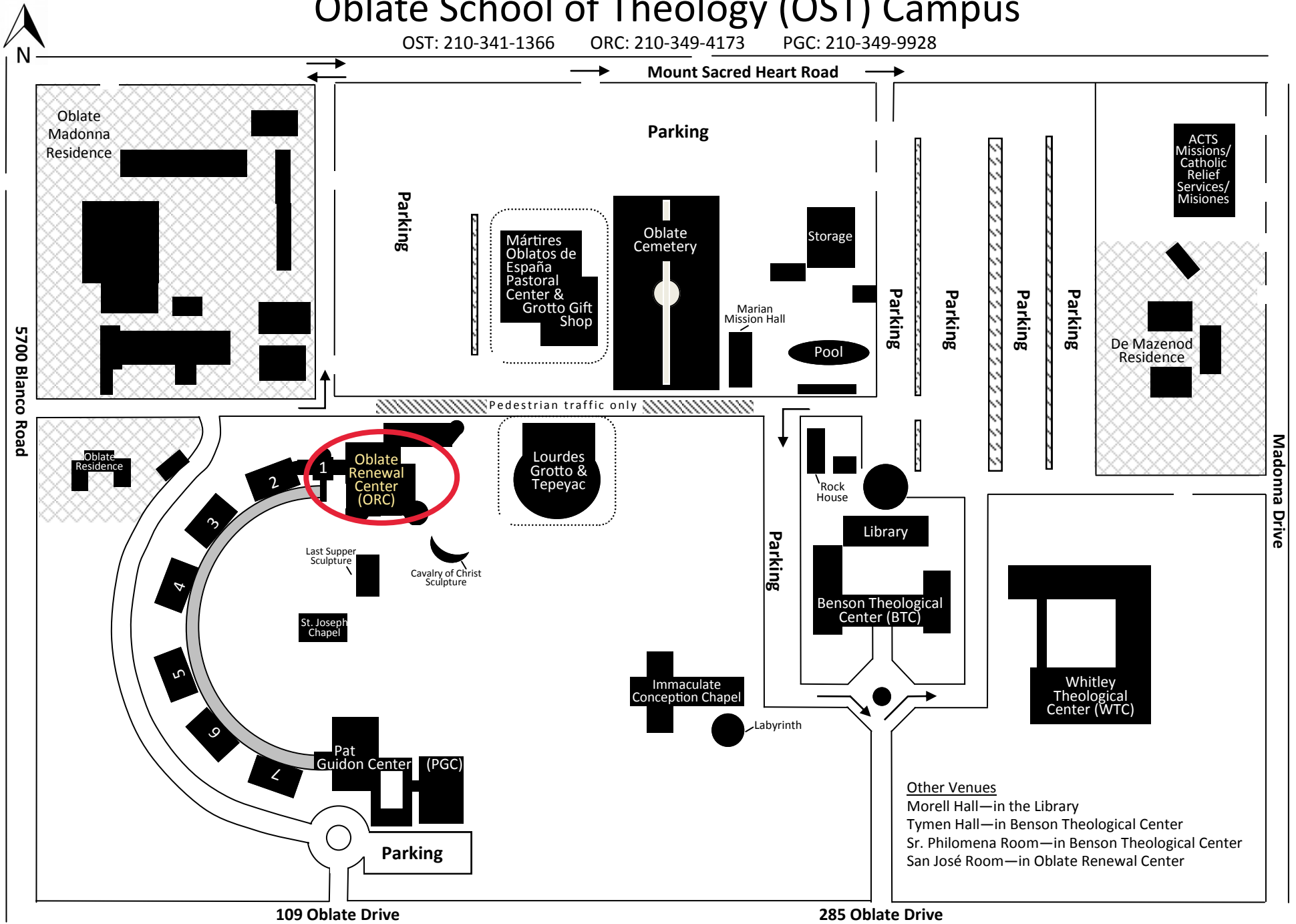


Oblate School of Theology (OST) Campus

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Oblate School of Theology (OST) Campus Highlights



St. Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, saw the state of the Church and of the people and chose to work with the poor and the most abandoned, to preach missions and to organize a youth association. He desired to “lead people to act like human beings first of all and then like Christians and finally...saints.” The task was so vast that he gathered other priests to join him and in 1816 started the “Missionaries of Provence.” Within 10 years, the group developed into the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The saint’s mission has extended to France and nearly 70 countries about the world with more than 4,000 Oblates carrying forward the missionary vision of St. Eugene.



The **Whitley Theological Center (WTC)** features five state-of-the-art-technology classrooms and the Louise Rumely Whitley conference rooms that can accommodate Oblate events of up to 400 people. Located east of Oblate’s main building (BTC), the WTC offers WI-Fi, exceptional in-house catering, an outdoor courtyard, covered breezeway, student lounge, and quick access to all Oblate buildings.



The **Cavalry of Christ** is a traditional designation for the Oblates who did ministry on horseback in Texas and northern Mexico from 1849 (the founding of the mission) to 1904 (the creation of the Oblate Province). The bronze relief commemorates these Oblates and, on the reverse side, maps the “**Oblate World**,” showing the expansion of the missionary congregation since its founding in 1816 by Saint Eugene de Mazenod.



The **Gayle and Tom Benson Theological Center (BTC)** is the main administrative building on Oblate’s campus and is centrally located between the Whitley Theological Center and the Immaculate Conception Memorial Chapel. The BTC houses the School’s business offices, classrooms and a large lecture hall.



The **Last Supper** sculpture invites visitors to have a meal with Jesus. It is located between the **St. Joseph’s Chapel** and Oblate Renewal Center. An opportunity to be with the Lord, it is one of the most popular spots on campus.



Located in the courtyard between the Gayle and Tom Benson Theological Center and the Donald E. O’Shaughnessy Library, the **Merium Garden** is a lush and inviting space featuring a fishpond and multiple seating areas, making it a perfect location for reading and relaxing outdoors on a beautiful day. The garden is dedicated to the memory of Merium Vessels Morell.



A place where your soul can soar while your body finds peace and refreshment. The **Oblate Renewal Center (ORC)** offers beautiful surroundings in a peaceful atmosphere. Guests can experience personal spiritual growth, the presence of Jesus Christ, in their lives and in their world, and a refreshing and relaxing retreat within the city.



The **Donald E. O’Shaughnessy Library (DEOL)** is open for study and research to visiting scholars, researchers, and the local community. A 1455 Gutenberg Bible facsimile, a permanent icon display of the Women of the Church: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, and 85,000+ volumes are but a few of the treasures awaiting visitors at the 24,000+ square feet library.



Immaculate Conception Memorial Chapel seats 400 people and is located at the entrance of the Oblate campus and adjacent to the Benson Theological Center. A popular venue for weddings and funerals, the chapel is also where Oblate School of Theology’s convocation Mass and graduations are held.



Lourdes Grotto & Guadalupe Tepeyac—Dedicated on December 7, 1941, located on five acres, the beautiful Grotto honors two revelations of Our Blessed Mother: as Our Lady of Lourdes in the Old World and as Our Lady of Guadalupe in the New World. Both the Grotto and the Hill of Tepeyac sites welcome pilgrims from around the world and serve as eternal signs of hope for all who visit. English and Spanish Masses are held at the Grotto daily.



Labyrinth of the Little Flower combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path and is located on the south side of the Immaculate Conception Chapel. The structure, adjacent to the **St. Therese Terrace** on the south side of the Immaculate Conception Chapel.