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General Information

Name Badges

Name badges must be worn at all times during the conference. Admission to all workshops and lunch is by name badge only.

Gafetes

Deben traer sus gafetes puestos en todo momento durante la conferencia. La entrada a todos los talleres y la comida será solo con su gafete.

Exhibits

Exhibits are located outside the breakout rooms. You are encouraged to visit exhibitors often and discover the many services available. One of the benefits of the Diocesan Conference is having the opportunity to see new products and services available for ministry and personal spiritual growth.

Exhibiciones

Los exhibidores se encuentran fuera de las sala de reuniones. Se les invita a visitar los exhibidores con frecuencia para descubrir los servicios disponibles. Uno de los beneficios de la Conferencia Diocesana es que se nos da la oportunidad de ver los nuevos productos y servicios disponibles para los ministerios y crecimiento espiritual personal.

Social Media



Welcome / Bienvenida

Dear friends,

Welcome to our Las Vegas Diocesan Conference 2019! The theme this year, **United in Christ**, is reflected in our logo – Christ is the center of all we are and all we do.



I am excited for this year's Conference here at Texas Station! The change in venue gives us an opportunity to attend larger breakout sessions – which effectively makes every session a keynote address! Our exhibitor and food service areas are a bit of a challenge, but I know you will enjoy your time together for the social, the lunch and of course make time for shopping!

Bishop Thomas reminds us often of our call to *Communio Theology* – one of the signposts of Vatican II. This weekend is one opportunity to support, affirm and learn together as ONE body of Christ – ONE church!

I pray that this Conference creates stronger connections to other members of our Diocese, time to learn together, and a time of prayer and reflection on our Gospel challenge to be **United in Christ!**

Sharing Christ's love,

Connie Clough
Director of Faith Formation
Diocese of Las Vegas



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Queridos amigos,

Bienvenidos a nuestra Conferencia Diocesana de Las Vegas 2019! El lema este año es **Unidos en Cristo**, nuestro logo refleja - Cristo como centro de todo lo que somos y hacemos.

Estoy emocionada que la Conferencia será en Texas Station! El cambio de lugar nos da una oportunidad de asistir a sesiones más grandes—cual efectivamente hace cada sesión como una conferencia principal. Nuestra área de exhibidores y de comida será un reto, pero sé que vamos a disfrutar la hora social, la comida y también haremos espacio para ir de compras.

El Obispo Thomas nos recuerda constantemente la *Teología Communio* - uno de los indicadores del Vaticano II. Este fin de semana es una oportunidad para apoyar, afirmar y aprender juntos como UN solo cuerpo de Cristo—Una sola Iglesia!

En oración pido que esta conferencia establezca amistades más sólidas con otros miembros de nuestra Diocese, y este tiempo juntos sea de aprendizaje, oración y reflexión en el evangelio y nos reta a ser más **Unidos en Cristo!**

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Queridos amigos,

Con gran alegría les doy a todos una calurosa bienvenida a la Conferencia Diocesana 2019 – ¡Unidos en Cristo! Reconociendo nuestra gran diversidad cultural, nos reunimos a una celebración en unidad de nuestra iglesia local. La conferencia nos facilita una oportunidad especial de encontrarnos con Jesús presente en cada uno de nosotros durante los tiempos de oración, tiempo social y talleres. Finalizaremos nuestro tiempo juntos unidos en un solo Cristo con la celebración de la Misa y Liturgia Eucarística.

En la Exhortación Apostólica La Alegría del Evangelio el Papa nos reta a todos con estas palabras, “En este momento invito a todos los Cristianos, que están en todas parte, a renovar su encuentro personal con Jesucristo, o que por lo menos tengan la apertura de dejarse encontrar por El.” Espero con anticipación estar con ustedes en esta reunión a nivel Diocesano y hare oración para que estos días de la Conferencia sean tiempo de inspiración y oración con un corazón y mente abierta y encontrarnos con Jesús Cristo en nuestro interior y aquellos que nos rodean.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo Resucitado,

George Leo Thomas Ph.D.
Obispo de Las Vegas



Dear friends,

I am pleased to welcome everyone to our 2019 Diocesan Conference – **United in Christ!** While recognizing our rich cultural diversity, we also gather to celebrate the unity of our

local Church. The conference provides a unique opportunity to encounter Jesus in one another during our shared prayer, social time and workshops. We close our time together as one in Christ with the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy.

In his Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* our Pope challenges us with these words, “I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them;” I look forward to being with you for this Diocesan-wide gathering and I pray that these Conference days are an inspiring and prayerful experience of open hearts, open minds and encounter with Jesus Christ in ourselves and those around us.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

George Leo Thomas Ph.D.
Bishop of Las Vegas



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Friday, September 6

2:30 - 4:30 pm Pre-Conference Sessions
(Bonus session is included with each full conference registration)



A. Jo Ann Paradise **Houston**
Entering the Mystery, Pondering the Trinity

We will explore our understanding of the Trinity as the very nature of God and the source of all relationship in creation; we will consider ways to share this truth with people of all ages.



B. Michael Ruzicki **Amaryllis**
Liturgy: The Source and Summit of Our Lives

Michael will offer suggestions that will "make Mass matter" in the parish community.

- 5:00 - 6:45 pm** Registration
- 5:30 - 6:45 pm** Exhibits Open
- 7:00 - 7:30 pm** Welcome & Opening Celebration
- 7:30 - 8:30 pm** Keynote address by ValLimar Jansen



ValLimar Jansen **Dallas Ballroom**
That We May Be One In Christ

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Saturday, September 7

- 7:00 - 8:15 pm Registration
- 8:30 - 9:00 pm Gathering and Welcome
- 9:00 - 9:30 am Opening prayer
- 9:30 - 10:30 am Keynote Address



Julianne Stanz

Five Keys To Fully Alive Faith

Julianne will help us discover the vision our faith has for being fully alive with the love of a God who loves each one of us. She will answer questions about habits of discipleship and important spiritual principles to help us grow as the faithful of Las Vegas.

Dallas Ballroom

- 10:30 - 11:00 am Break/exhibits
- 11:00 - 12:15 pm Breakout Sessions Period #1

Locations:

1.01 Gene Giuliano John 14-17: Jesus' Parting Words **Houston**

"Jesus' Parting Words" will offer a serious reflection on the wishes, command and promises of Jesus before his death and what are the ultimate hopes and dreams that he has for us.

1.02 ValLimar Jansen: Missionary Discipleship and the Arts **Dallas Ballroom**

ValLimar will use storytelling, music and inspirational messages to guide participants through a journey where they will meet people of Holy Scripture and the Roman Catholic Tradition.

1.03 Brenda Noriega: Breaking Bread **Dallas E**

"Breaking Bread" will discuss the various times Jesus shares meals with different people to create disciples; we will explore how breaking bread in community unites us in Christ.

1.04 María G. Covarrubias: Alrededor de la Mesa **Amaryllis**

Un Espacio para la Unidad en Cristo" donde explorará la eficacia del encuentro alrededor de la mesa en nuestros hogares y alrededor del altar en la parroquia. Reflexionaremos como la Eucaristía y la reconciliación son medios eficaces para fomentar la unidad, la paz y el bienestar en la familia, la comunidad de fe y nuestro propio bienestar.

Workshops / Talleres

12:15 - 1:30 pm Lunch/exhibits

1:30 - 2:45 pm Breakout Sessions Period #2

Locations:

2.01 Nancy Bird *Simple Pleasures and the Sacramental Life* Dallas Ballroom

Sometimes living in the moment and recognizing the sacredness of everyday things is very hard to do. Come to Nancy's workshop "Simple Pleasures and the Sacramental Life" and come away with 12 tips for truly "seizing the day."

2.02 John Collins: *One Spirit - One Church – One Mission...United in Christ* Dallas E

We read in the Bible God called special people to be part of his plan of salvation. God also calls each one of us. By Baptism we are joined to all the members of the Church, the Body of Christ. God has created each one of us to love and to serve and share our gifts and talents in some work that was given to no one else. We are one spirit, one Church...a community of believers sharing in one mission...united in Christ. Let's explore what this means using scripture, music, visuals and reflection.

2.03 Michael Ruzicki *Sunday Mass: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic* Houston

Participating in Mass is the most important thing Catholics do, for it is at Mass that we are changed, becoming what we receive, the Body and Blood of Christ. The Mass charges us with the most important mission to be Christ in a world that is broken and in need of healing.

2.04 Brenda Noriega *Enraizados en la fe, unidos en la esperanza* Amaryllis

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Workshops / Talleres

Saturday, September 7

3:00 - 4:15 pm Breakout Sessions Period #3

Exhibits Close 4:30 pm

Location

3.01 Gene Giuliano Living As a Member of the Body of Christ **Dallas E**
Jesus Christ calls people from diverse backgrounds to join him in life together to be the starting-point for a new, united people.

3.02 Jo Ann Paradise **Dallas Ballroom**
*Celebrating our Catholic Identity Understanding the "Heart" of our Faith."
 This workshop will ponder the question raised by many people in the world today, "Why be Catholic?" Whether that question comes from a child or an office co-worker, we sometimes find ourselves ill equipped to respond. Join us as we reclaim what is at the heart of our faith and celebrate its joy and beauty as we seek to be Christ present in the world.*

3.03 Julianne Stanz Start with Jesus: Reclaiming the Fire of Parish Life! **Houston**
Julianne will focus on Jesus' approach to discipleship; a vision for reaching all people and practical ways to become a community of missionary disciples that set the world on fire.

3.04 Armando Cervantes **Amaryllis**
*Aprendiendo a Ser Testigos Auténticos Unidos en Cristo
 Ser testigos de Cristo no es fácil, en este taller se profundizara este llamado que nor hace Cristo y a unirnos a su santa misión – de dar testimonio del amor de Dios a través de una fe santa, cathólica y apostólica. Vengan y aprendan ideas prácticas de compartir y vivir este testimonio tan hermoso.*

Closing Mass with Bishop Thomas 4:45 - 6:00 pm **Dallas Ballroom**

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Foundational Faith Formation Process
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Department of Faith Formation

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Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord - A STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

We are pleased and excited to introduce and commission a new team of Faith Formation for our Diocese!

Over the summer, 23 people attended a two-week training session called Forming the Formators facilitated by the Jordan Ministry Team out of Tucson, Arizona. In teams of three, they will be presenting the modules needed for our newly revised Ministry Certification Program. Jesus' great commission to his disciples – and to us – is to "Go out, and make disciples of all the world!" Our goal is to provide ongoing Adult Faith Formation with a solid foundation in Catholic principles. The topics for Basic Certification are: **Spiritual Formation, Evangelization, Morality I, Christology I, Introduction to Scripture, Sacraments and Rituals, Catholic Beliefs and Traditions, and Culture & Intercultural Faith Issues.** Catholic teaching on these topics is important for ALL adult Catholics – particularly those who work or volunteer in the church. Additional topics related to specific ministries such as liturgical ministers, classroom catechists, youth ministers, ministers of care and more will be offered as 'elective' courses in addition to the Ministry Certification from the Diocese. Please watch for a calendar of classes beginning in early October that will be scheduled in our Diocesan Deaneries to make travel less of an inconvenience. Certification, recertification and maintenance after next August will all be part of the new systematic process.

Nos complace y emociona presentarles el nuevo equipo de formación para la fe que serán comisionados por nuestra Diócesis! Durante el verano, 23 personas asistieron a sesiones por dos semanas de entrenamiento llamado Formando a los Formadores facilitado por el equipo Jordán Ministry localizado en Tucson, Arizona. En equipos de dos o tres estarán presentando los módulos designados para el nuevo Proceso Fundamental de Formación de Fe. Jesús envía a sus discípulos – y a nosotros – a " Salir, y hacer discípulos de todo el mundo!" Nuestra meta es de proporcionar constante Formación de Fe para Adultos con un fundamento sólido en las enseñanzas Católicas. Los temas para el Proceso Fundamental de Formación de Fe son: **Formación Espiritual, Evangelización, Moralidad I, Cristología I, Introducción a las Escrituras, Sacramentos y Rituales, Creencias Católicas y Tradiciones, y Asuntos de Fe Culturales & Interculturales.** Las Enseñanzas Católicas sobre estos temas son importantes para todos los adultos Católicos – particularmente para los que trabajan o son voluntarios en la iglesia. Temas adicionales relacionados a ministerios específicos tal como ministros litúrgicos, catequistas, director de Jóvenes, cuidado pastoral y mucho más serán ofrecidos como cursos opcionales.

Estén pendiente al calendario, empezando en Octubre, las clases serán programadas por los decanatos de la diócesis para hacer el recorrido por la ciudad más conveniente. Certificación, recertificación y mantenimiento después del próximo agosto será parte del nuevo proceso sistemático.

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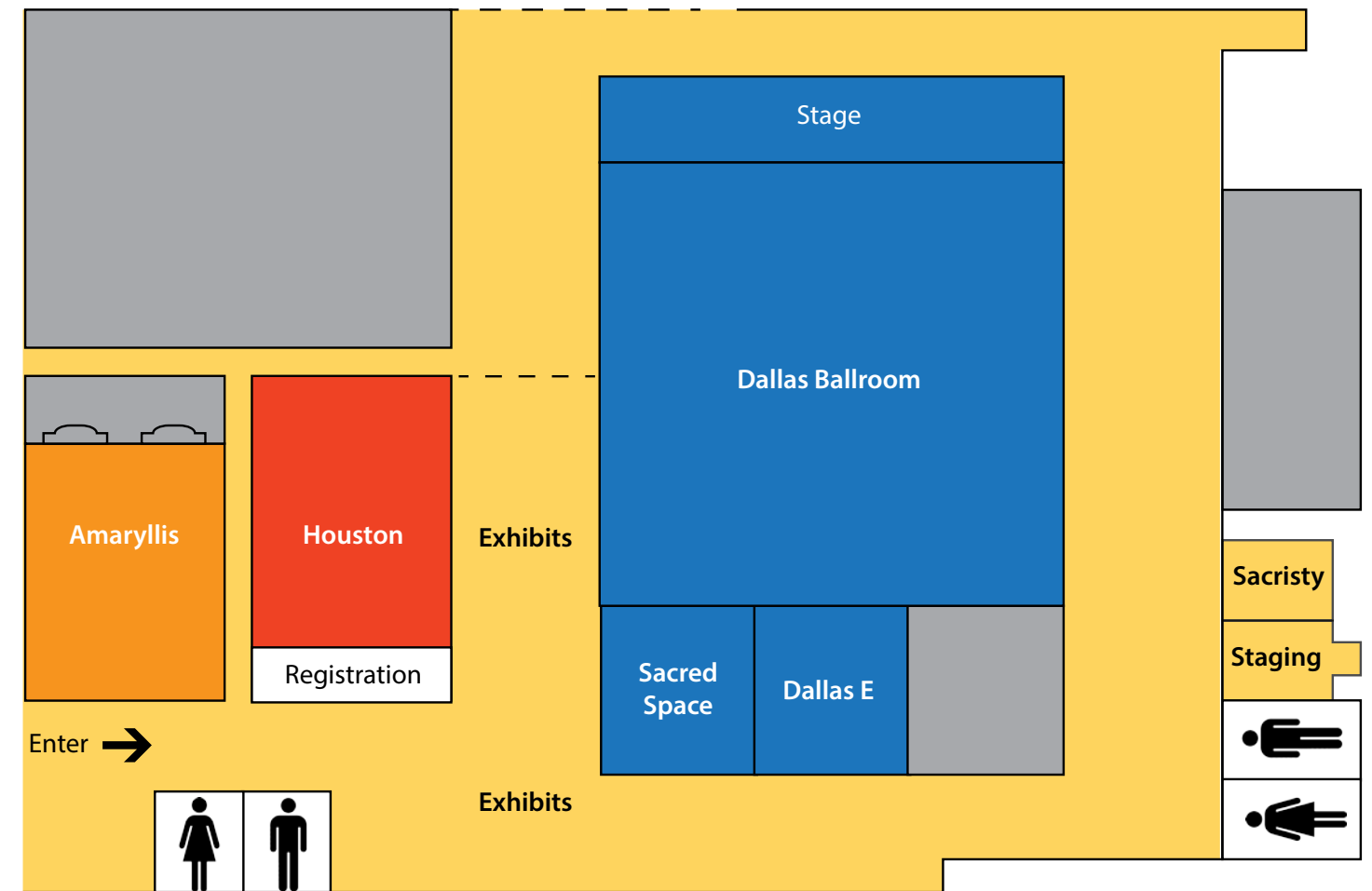
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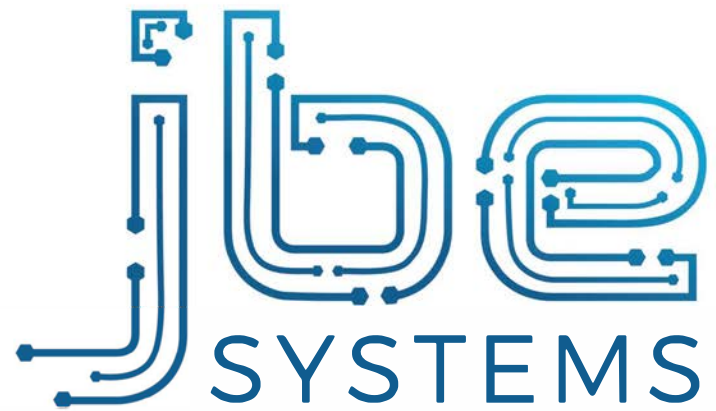


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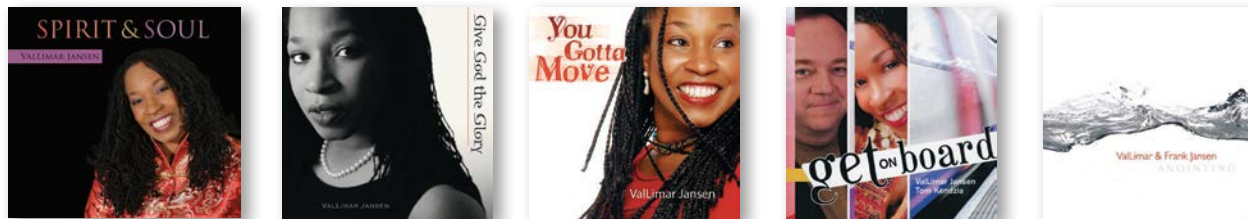
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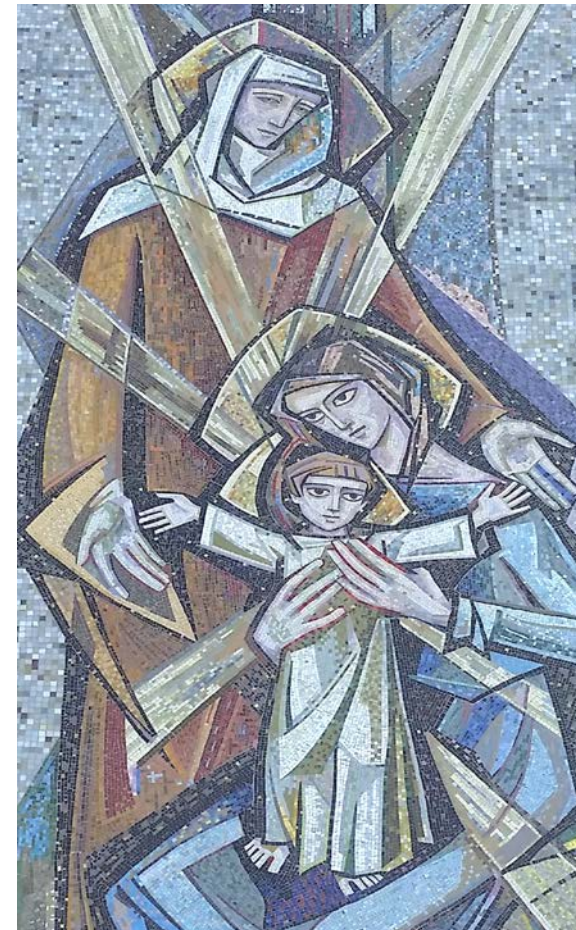
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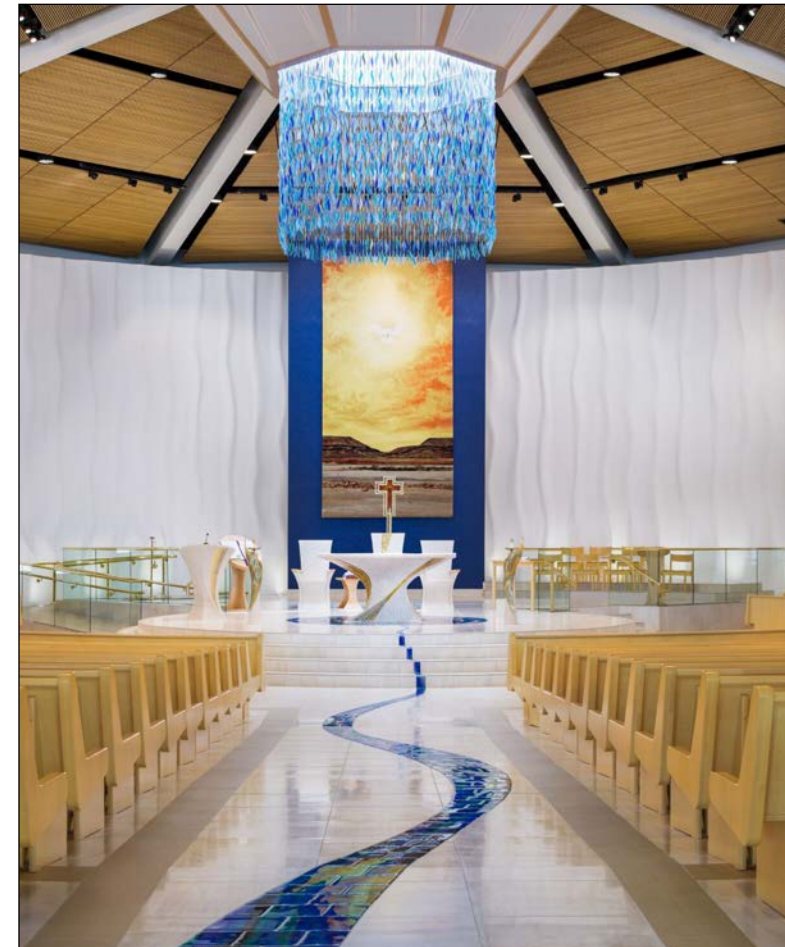
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