

# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mondays, Weekends & Stat Holidays – offices are closed. Please contact office to schedule an appointment.



April 12, 2026, Newsletter     2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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### WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

Weekdays	Rosary, 7:30 AM   Mass: 8:00 AM
Wednesdays	Rosary, 4:30 PM   Mass: 5:00 PM <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena</i> to follow Mass
Saturdays	Rosary, 8:30 AM   Mass: 9:00 AM, & 5:00 PM (Vigil, for Sunday)
Sundays	Rosary, 8:30 AM   Mass: 9AM, 11 AM, & 5:00 PM
First Friday's	<i>Benediction/Adoration 3:00 PM, Mass 4:00 PM</i>

*\*Monday of long weekends & Stat. Holidays: Rosary @ 8:30 AM, Mass @ 9:00 AM*

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 10:00–11:00 AM, & 3:45–4:45 PM

If you are unable to attend confession during these times, please call office or an appointment:  
250-762-3910

### MASSES AT CARE HOMES

*Village at Mill Creek* – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 9:45 am  
*Summerwood Retirement Resort* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am  
*Cottonwoods* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 10:30 am  
*The Dorchester* – Last Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

### ♦ Part-Time Parish Office Administrator

Immaculate Conception Church is hiring a part-time Office Administrator (Monday-Friday, 8:30-12:30) to support daily parish office operations. Full position details can be found on our website [www.icckelowna.ca/](http://www.icckelowna.ca/), or on the table in the church entrance.

Apply by April 15, 2026 \*\*extended\*\*

Submit a resume and brief cover letter to: Andrea Mitton •  
[icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

### SUMMIT: AN EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, May 9 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration with music, short talks, prayer, and reflection. Priests will be available for reconciliation. All ages and all parishes welcome! If possible, please bring a plate of snacks to share for the social to follow in the hall.



### OUR PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

If your family had a photo taken for the directory and were not able to pick it after this weekend's Masses, please come to the parish office during business hours to pick up your copy. Unfortunately, we do not have extra directories available at this time for those who did not have their photo taken.



### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of April:

For priests in crisis:

*"Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."*

### KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick/pastoral emergencies or for end-of-life blessings (Last Rites) please call 250-878-1502 (24/7).

*The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once!!*

### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday May 28 @ 9:30 am  
Thursday June 11 @ 9:30 am

*All are invited!*

### *Parish Coffee Socials*

Sundays after the 9 am mass there will be coffee in the hall. Coffee Socials will be sponsored by the following ministries as follows:

- Week 1 – Knights of Columbus, *Breakfast*
- Week 2 – *available*
- Week 3 – St. Vincent de Paul
- Week 4 – Kelowna Right to Life Society
- Week 5 – Parish Council

### Children's Liturgy Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday during the 9am Mass

The next Children's Liturgy will be April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Upcoming: April 26<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions, please contact Leanne at 250-762-3910 ext 4, or email [leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com)

*The Young Adults Group* meet on Sundays in the **Blue Room** (ICC Hall) after the 11 am mass. Come join them for snacks and fellowship. All adults ages 18-35 are welcome.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:**

Neil Herzog	Cyslin Isaacs
Dallas Elliott	Maritess Steiman
Loreta Batandolo	Rhonda Jennens
Jason & Mary Angela Newcomb	Roy Velmonte
Ken & Lynda Antao	Justina Mikosa
Filomena Rotundo	Mildred Reyes
Ashton Therrien	Kathe Gonzaga Carpena
Bishop Gregory Bittman	Michelle Miller
Irene Heisler	Victor Kovac
Lawson	Phillip Dos Santos
Teresa Kovacs	Marlene Hughes
Elizabeth Downey	Dorota Nowak
Maggie Johnstone	Chinee Fajardo
Samuel Jovez	Rosario
Rick Prost	Luisito & Crispin Clemente
Sheila Lowe	Nancy Brisson
Teresa McGauley	Ginoefa Diakow
Chiamaka Aghaizu	Rick Lock
Josephine Bruch	Mertis Filiatrault
Diane Lynott	Sister Barbara
Hazel Csordas	Candace Gilmore-Stephensen
Rihnon Coatsworth	Anne Engel
Helen Zentner	Aisley Ducharme
Theresa Kaller	Catherine Fortunat
Kathleen Mayhew	Michael M
Jesse Wilson	Trudy Szulkies
Bambina Tinto	Cherie Lynn Walsh
Anne Mould	Suzanne Crowe
Rose Harry	Alicia L
Adam Gorges	Arthur & Gudrun Cobham
Joyce Tremmel	Marcus Cresswell
Sandra Park	Ray Pauluk
Loretta Bouchard	Desjardines Families
Linda Kirkpatrick	Rachel Donegan.
Juliana Lavell	

To add or remove a name from the parish prayer list, kindly contact the Parish Office at 250-762-3910 or email [icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)



**GR. 8-12 KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**From the Tomb to Testimony – Youth Night**

Last week was all about the Resurrection—this week is about *your story*. Come hang out as we help you start putting your faith into words ~ how God is real and working in your life right now. We'll have games, time with friends, and a chance to build your own personal testimony (no pressure ~ we'll guide you through it).

Sunday, April 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Center (use EAST entrance).

Want to stay in the loop or sign up for upcoming events? Check us out at: [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)

**MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.**

Sat.	11-Apr	8:00 AM	R.	Alfred Geismayr
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		5:00 PM	R.	Teresa Bruni
Sun.	12-Apr	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		5:00 PM	R.	Fulvio Pasutto
Mon.	13-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Matteo Plaxton
Tues.	14-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Laurie & Dave Corbeth
Wed.	15-Apr	8:00 AM	R.	Violet Norman
		5:00 PM	R.	Helena Nazarek
Thurs.	16-Apr	8:00 PM	R.	Gerald Ryznar
Fri.	17-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Abbey Ackerman
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Sat.	18-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Elizabeth Plaxton
		5:00 PM	I.	St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun.	19-Apr	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	I.	Herhaus Family
Mon.	20-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Stella Majic
Tues.	21-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Carlin Fuergutz
Wed.	22-Apr	8:00 AM	R.	Maria Filipoua
		5:00 PM	R.	For the Souls of 4 Unborn Children
Thurs.	23-Apr	8:00 PM	R.	Frederico Ogoy
Fri.	24-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Michelle Collins & Christopher Collins



*Knights of Columbus Corner*



**EXEMPLIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

📅 May 1, 2026 ⌚ Time: 5pm

📍 Place: ICC Parish 🕒 Reception: 5:45pm

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**PARISH BREAKFAST**

📅 Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> ⌚ 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall with your parish community! *All are welcome!*

📌 Breakfast is by good-will donation.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARIES**

- Available for Grade 12 students pursuing post secondary education.
- Available from your ICC Fr. Pandosy Council 2558 - \$750.00 (Awarded to one student).
- Available from our State Council - \$1,000.00 (Awarded to one student)

Contact [pandosy2558@gmail.com](mailto:pandosy2558@gmail.com) for full details on how to apply.

For News and Announcements from the Diocese of Nelson visit: <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news>

To find the readings of the day go to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://www.cccb.ca/>

### STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Parish Budget	\$	9,544.00	
Weekly 2026 POF Required	\$	1,300.00	
Weekly Stewardship Required	\$	10,844.00	
Easter Collections – 04/05/26	\$	17,652.00	
2026 POF Received – (Mar. 31)	\$	7,079.75	
<b>YTD Offerings Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>16,945.97</b>	
<b>YTD POF Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>13,720.25</b>	

**Total YTD Deficit** \$ **-30,666.22**

Thank you for your generous financial support.

Your contributions are essential to helping our parish meet its weekly budget and continue serving our community.

May God bless you!

### STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

#### WAYS TO DONATE:

- QR Code.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized giving (PAG).
- e-Transfer: [etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org)

In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection, or a Special Collection.

- Mail your Offerings

Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, to arrange for weekly ICC Offerings Envelopes, or for SAG information, 250-762-3910 / [icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)



### ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



This week Jesus appears to his disciples. If Jesus appeared would we recognize him? Imagine a family answering the door to be greeted by Vincentians with a beautiful smile and food hamper. Would they see

Jesus? Let us walk gently with each other.

#### Update on Chez Vincent:

we are still looking for a space...please pray for us.

...and remember you can always donate online at [icc.ssvp@gmail.com](mailto:icc.ssvp@gmail.com) or scan our QR-code!



Thank you for your generous support!

### BICYCLES NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul has 2 boys ages 11 and 14, newly arrived from Syria who need bicycles to get to school, activities, etc. If you have bikes that you're willing to donate, please call either Elaine 250 899 8992 or Meg 250 808 0981

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

April 24 & 25

Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna

**One in Christ, United in Mission**

**Keynote Speaker: Fr. Larry Richards**

Author of *Be A Man: Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*

**Early Bird Registration – Before April 15:**

- Regular: \$65
- University Student: \$15

**Register or learn more:**

Visit [www.heroicmen.ca](http://www.heroicmen.ca) and scroll down to the Kelowna Conference or scan the QR Code.



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- Loaves & Fishes

## Catholic Women's League

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### BURSARY

The ICC CWL is pleased once again, to support our community with a \$500 Bursary! Applicants must be:

- 21 years old or younger.
- a baptized Roman Catholic.
- a practicing Parishioner of ICC.
- planning to attend a post-secondary institution as a first-year full-time student.
- Applicants must submit the Bursary Application, Cover Letter, Pastor's Form and Transcript by May 31, 2026.

Application packages are available to pick up at the ICC Office, Tuesday-Friday between 8:30am and 12:30pm.

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**Renew your membership or become a new member!**  
**Ladies 16 and older are welcome to join!**

The ICC CWL will continue to meet every second Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the Main Hall or Blue Room for a coffee social! Join us for a rosary and a short presentation with plenty of time to enjoy each other's company. Tea and coffee provided, snacks to share are always accepted! All ladies of the parish welcome, even non-members and kids.

*Coffee Socials have temporarily been postponed*  
*-please check back for upcoming dates.*

Questions/e-transfer info? Contact Monaco Parker:  
250-300-7773 / [cmparkerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:cmparkerfamily@gmail.com)

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office FIRST when enquiring about your child's baptism. At least one Parent and all Godparents must have received all sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) and be actively practicing Catholics.

We ask that you call or email the office at least 6 WEEKS prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

As a Catholic, the most important part of preparing for the sacrament of marriage is asking Jesus to be at the center of the marriage.

In preparation of this special sacrament, we ask that you contact the office at least 6 MONTHS prior to your requested wedding date.

# Grieving with Great HOPE

Good Mourning Ministry

If the death of a loved one has left you searching for God in your grief, we are here to help.

Grieving with Great Hope is a 5-week Christ-centered grief support program rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. Through prayer, Scripture, reflection, and fellowship, you will be gently guided toward Christ's consolation and hope. There is no cost to attend. All materials, including a participant booklet and journal, are provided.

## Spring 2026 Session

Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 PM  
 April 23 - May 21  
 Immaculate Conception Parish Hall (Bedford Room)

**Registration is required by April 13, 2026**

To learn more or to register, please contact:  
 ICC Parish Office: 250-762-3910 or,  
 Email Tania Tavares: [taniastemarietavares@gmail.com](mailto:taniastemarietavares@gmail.com)

Okanagan Korean Catholic Community (OKCC) cordially invites Korean people and anyone who would like to attend to:

KOREAN LANGUAGE MASS  
 ST. PIUS X CHURCH, KELOWNA ON APRIL 19, 2026 AT 3PM.  
 CONFESSION AT 2:30pm, Fellowship at 4-5:30 pm.  
 by Fr. Park Francisco, of Vancouver St. Andrew Church

We are excited to invite all Youth in Grades 4-12 to our upcoming Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group Volunteer Day at SPARK!

**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2026  
**Time:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
**Location:** SPARK - Society for Providing Animal Assisted Therapy @ 2870 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna

This will be a great opportunity for our Youth to spend time with animals, help out in a meaningful way, and connect with friends in a fun and relaxed setting.

More details about specific activities at SPARK will be shared soon.

**Please RSVP by Friday, April 22.**

We hope to see you there!

## CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOPS



### Called & Gifted

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do in your church or broader community, and He has gifted you for that purpose. Over 4 sessions, **Called & Gifted** will help you reflect on your life and discover the spiritual gifts God has placed within you. Whether you're seeking clarity, renewal, or a deeper sense of meaning, this journey can help you recognize how God is already at work in your life and how to take that next step. April 28 & 30, May 5 & 7 from 6:00-8:30 pm at Seton House of Prayer (Dining Room).

Register online using the QR code or at [www.nelsondiocese.org](http://www.nelsondiocese.org).



[www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/invitation](http://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/invitation)

Our parish has a Formed subscription!  
 Sign-up information is in the church entrance!



To find this week's featured content, visit <https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed> or scan the QR Code to download the Formed app to your phone or device!

### WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2026

- ✚ Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/768934/>
- ✚ Pope John Paul II  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/585522/>
- ✚ Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/586240/>



## DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

839 Sutherland Avenue



The Adoration Chapel has new contact information!!

**Email:** [adorationkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:adorationkelowna@gmail.com)  
**Contact:** Luke Mitton  
**Text/Telephone:** 778-214-0680

The adoration chapel is still verifying the schedule. We request that all scheduled Adorers verify their scheduled hours and information with the contact information above and also indicate yes/no if you would like to have your email added to the spare list.

Current available permanent hours: Monday: 2am & Thursday 1am



## NELSON DIOCESAN CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE April 24/25, 2026

Speaker: Father Jack Micalchuk  
 Friday evening praise and worship at 6:30  
 Mass with healing prayers at 7 pm  
 Saturday 9 am-4 pm  
 Mass 5 pm

Accommodations available at:  
 Best Western Plus Hotel and Suites - 2 queen beds, \$150.78 inc. tax  
 Avalon Inn - queen or king bed, \$114.84 inc. tax  
 Location: St. Anne Church, 7610-87 Street, Osoyoos, BC  
 Contact: Loree Renwick - [ndccrs2020@gmail.com](mailto:ndccrs2020@gmail.com)

## NET Ministries Retreat, "Dare to Hope."

All students in Grades 6-12 across the diocese are welcome. The retreat will include large group sessions as well as age-appropriate breakout groups.

**Date & Time:** APRIL 26, SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Ann's Parish Hall, Penticton, BC  
**Mass:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Optional Dinner:** 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

There is **no cost** to attend. All meals and expenses are covered.



# KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY

The Kelowna Right to Life Society presents an evening with The Honourable Stockwell Day on **Thursday, April 30th** at the ICC Parish Hall, 839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with dinner scheduled for 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$40.00 ea or purchase a table of 8 for \$280.00.

Stockwell Day was elected as leader of the official opposition in 2000 and served in that capacity for two years. He has always been an advocate for the unborn and was strongly endorsed by Campaign Life Coalition in his bid to become leader of the Canadian Alliance Party.

Please join us at our annual fundraising banquet for what is sure to be a memorable and important presentation, in support of your local pro-life organization! Tickets available at [www.prolifekelowna.ca](http://www.prolifekelowna.ca) or in person at Immaculate Conception Church Office, Loaves and Fishes Book Store, 591 Lawrence Avenue in Kelowna. Call 250 870-4103 or [kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com](mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com) for more information.



## Kelowna Polish Cultural Society Dinner & Dance

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Immaculate Conception Parish Centre

Celebration of the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791  
Refreshments 6:00pm | Dinner @ 6:30pm | Dancing to follow

Tickets (\$45 /adult) will be available by calling  
Wioletta Konefal 431-276-8434



## MSGR. DESMOND'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

### *Celebration!*

MONSIGNOR JERRY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026.

Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 AM at  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 635 Tranquille Road  
followed by a ticketed luncheon at Colombo Lodge  
814 Lorne Street

May 16th, 2026

Tickets: \$45.00 per person

**Registration deadline: May 5**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/8JqPtt7hM42amKBA>

## CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Spring 2026 edition of Catholic Mountain Star has been published. A few copies are available on the ICC website and the Diocese of Nelson website:

[https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1069723&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1358553](https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1069723&type=d&pREC_ID=1358553)



## PROTECTION AT CONCEPTION!

This Year's theme for the 2026  
National March for LIFE in Canada



*"Follow Me!"* -Matthew 4:19

Theme for the 2026 National March for Life.

These are the words that changed history...  
*"Follow me; I will make you fishers of men..."*

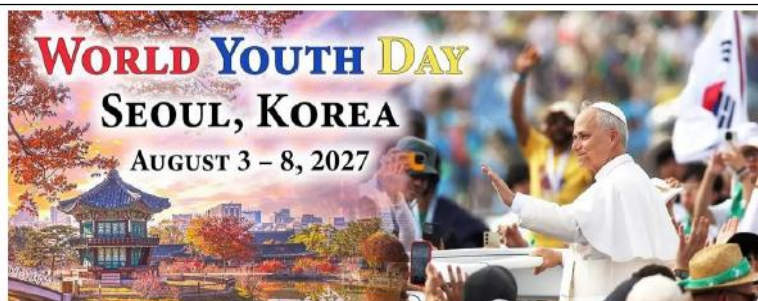
Campaign Life invites every Canadian to get involved.  
Not just a slogan, an invitation to walk the path of discipleship, and leave our comfort zone and stand for LIFE.

Annual Mass for Life

Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Church  
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Coffee and refreshments and a short video  
in the Parish Hall following Mass.



## Young Adults of the Diocese of Nelson

World Youth Day 2027 is from

**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2027 - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2027 in Seoul, Korea**

*\*Dates include both Days in the Diocese and WYD*

Join Pope Leo XIV and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics (18 - 35 years old) from around the world for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage!

*Participants will grow in their faith and their appreciation for the power and presence of Jesus in the Church today.*

**Interested?** Save your spot!

E-transfer \$500 to

[etransfer.DPC@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.DPC@nelsondiocese.org)

**before May 10, 2026**

Add "WYD 2027 deposit" + "your full name" + "your parish" in the e-transfer message

Priest Chaplain: Fr. Ferdinand Bayarong

For more information, please contact:

Deacon Rod Attwell

[rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org)

**"Take courage!  
I have overcome  
the world."**  
(John 16:33)

The Catholic Mountain Star is now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming summer issue: Deadline May 8, 2026. Please send photos, news and articles to:

[Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org)

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