The fundamental challenge we all face as we participate in the beatification process is simple: What does Father Stanley Rother’s example hold for us? What does a life rooted in the fields and farms of Okarche, beginning in 1935, have to say to someone born in, say, 2002? Stanley's life is a gift: How do we unwrap it?

As you know, I am a relative of Father Stan. My mother was a Rother from Okarche; she grew up on a farm one mile west of Stanley’s parents. My grandfather and Stanley's grandfather were brothers. I always have been proud of my association with Stan through this family we share. Our common heritage bonds us to one another in a real way. And, I have always been very proud of the priesthood we have shared. We were ordained 18 years apart, but this two-decade separation is nothing. Stan and I are united by blood; the Oklahoma priestly connection we share is just as strong and just as remarkable. This is no small thing. If you have even a passing knowledge of the history of the Church in Oklahoma and the many extraordinary men who have served here, it will not surprise you to find the first native-born priest named a martyr in the United States is an Oklahoman. This is the legacy we all have inherited. When I think of Father Stanley Rother, I am more likely to emphasize the connection we share because of the “Father” in his title than to make a claim on the “Rother” in his name. But, beyond these connections we share, the greatest of all connections to him is the sacrifice he was willing to make for his people.

In the midst of the civil war going on in Guatemala during the murderous days of the early 1980s, Stan could have driven to Guatemala City, bought a plane ticket, presented his American passport and flown off to safety at any moment. But, he decided to stay. And, he remained, not because he didn’t know the dangers facing him or the threats to his life or the possible outcomes of his presence, but because he did

When we look at the saintly example Father Stan gave, and as we celebrate his martyrdom, it’s easy for us to affirm his example as a real act of holiness. But, we don’t usually imagine ourselves in such circumstances. We are not faced with the prospect of death squads or the complications of living our lives threading the needle between competing claims to loyalty. But, while Stan’s example is the bright shining torch lighting up the darkness, it is a version of the decision we all must make. Our opportunities for holiness might be dim, but they are just as real.

Stan began his sacrifice when he gave his life away in service at his ordination; it resulted in his martyrdom 18 years later. We begin our service just the same; where it will end up is God’s to know. But, we do begin it when we give our “yes” to the call we have received. Talk to any parent; speak to any spouse; spend some time with any teacher; any call from the Lord of Life is a call to lay down our lives in service to another. The circumstances are different; the call is the same. The results will be the same as well.

Think about it. On the day we draw our last breath, we will be surrendering everything. We won’t die in a pool of blood on the floor of a rectory in Guatemala, a victim of civil war, but if we have surrendered our lives to God’s call, we will die a servant to God’s Will; we will be a witness (‘martyr’ means ‘witness’ in Greek) to following Christ.

And, our witness will begin as it began for Father Rother: when we say “yes” to the call we receive. It doesn’t matter whether it’s on the day when we slip a ring on the finger of our spouse, when the ultrasound technician

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On Monday, Aug. 21, many Americans will witness an extremely rare astronomical phenomenon, a total solar eclipse. The sun will appear to be darkened for a time as the moon passes between the earth and the sun, casting its shadow over much of the earth's surface. The last time such an event occurred across the whole of the contiguous United States was in 1918. Thousands of people will travel great distances to experience this extraordinary phenomenon.

Perhaps it was in actual solar eclipse mimicking with the moment of Our Lord's death that caused the darkness described in Saint Matthew's Gospel. “From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon” (Mt 27:45). An eclipse of the sun is certainly an appropriate cosmic sign for the moment when men and women laid down their lives and death seemed to triumph over life and light. For three days, hope was eclipsed.

The Triumph of Divine Mercy over human sinfulness. Jesus Christ is the light of the world and this “light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (Jn 1:5).

On July 28, 1981, it must have seemed as if darkness had triumphed in the village of Santiago Atitlan in Guatemala. That morning, thousands of grieving parishioners gathered in the plaza in front of the major church as word spread that their beloved shepherd, Padre A. Flores, had been killed. During the night, intruders had broken into the rectory and murdered Father Stanley Rother, the shepherd who didn’t run. Hope seemed to have been vanquished by violence, love eclipsed by hatred. But, life goes on, and it was precisely in this atmosphere sheen of darkness that the sun, casting its shadow over much of the earth’s surface, seemed to triumph over light.

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Are you going?  

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Oklahoma missionaries share decades of joy, aid with Peruvians

By Steve Gust

The Sooner Catholic

The mission trips and outreachs of love and help to Santisimo Sacramento Parish in Peru continue as volunteers witness firsthand the difference they’re making in people’s lives.

Participating at Saint John the Baptist in Edmond, Christ the King Catholic Church in Oklahoma City and other volunteers are wrapping up their second full decade of helping people in Piura, Peru. For nearly 25 years, McCuinn, now graduate Fr. Joe Uhen has partnered with the spiritual and physical needs of his flock, which totals 40,000 and is spread over 28 chapels.

Leaving a hand are people like Chris Engel of Edmond, who recently returned from his 19th trip. “We definitely get more out of this than what we give,” Engel said.

Agreeing with that assessment is Deacon Jim Smith of Smith said. “It is a spiritual and world. But of a deep joy and trust in God’s love and concern.”

Engel has become especially close to five families in Peru.

“These people are like my family now,” Engel said. At first some were skeptical, but he saw the missionaries would have much of an impact.

“When I first came here, there was a girl who wasn’t even in school,” he said. “She is now in law school.” He also has marveled at the impact the medical children’s lives,” he said.

In a special experience even if someone is making their first trip. Recently the pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Mustang, Father Joe Jacobi, made his 16th others.

He wrote a letter to the parish outlining his experiences, which included traveling small homes for the poor he described as living in “crushing poverty.” But helping that condition was a road earlier this year that damaged many homes and buildings in Peru. “Having Father Jacobi with us this time was the greatest gift because he was able to participate in pastoral dis-

In August, 2017 Archbishop’s Dinner celebrates seminarians, new Vianney Fund

O Aug. 8, the 2017 Archbishop’s Dinner was held at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Hosted by Archbishop Coakley and the board of directors of the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma City, the near 400 attendees were able to visit with 17 seminarians, who are in formation for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

The bene-

ficiary of the dinner was the Saint John Vianney Seminarian Education Endowment Fund at the Catholic Foundation. The endowment fund, with an initial founding gift of $50,000, will make annual grants to the seminarian education program in the archdiocese. The fund is named after the patron saint of parish priests, Saint John Vianney, a French priest who was internationally known for his spiritual transformation of the community of Ars, France, where he served.

The dinner was preceded by an Angel’s Reception with Archbishop Coakley for sponsors of the event. Tables were decorated with floral centerpieces created with the help of residents of The Center of Franciscan Life.

The program included remarks from Archbishop Coakley; introduction of the seminarians by Director of Seminarians Father Joseph Brinn; a testimonial from the senior seminarian Deacon Vic Laoun, who is scheduled to be ordained in June after his senior year at St. John Vianney Seminary in Indiana; an update on vocations by Director of Vocations Father Brian Buettner; and a video of the recently held Quo Vadis Days (summer retreat for young men discerning for the priesthood).

Holy Cards of Saint John Vianney blessed by Archbishop Coakley at the conclusion of the dinner were distrib-

uted to all attendees.

“I often think of the minis-

tries and priests I have as a bishop, what is my greatest priority?” Archbishop Coakley said.

“I say that there are so many important ministries in our archdiocese. All of them are important. But, of everything I do as archbishop, my No. 1 priority is our priests. We must have good priests to have a thriving, vibrant, sacramental Church.”

“Your support for the formation and education of seminarians is absolutely critical. Each year, in the archdiocese, the single largest item in the budget for the archdiocese is the cost of our vocations and seminarian program. The work we do makes a difference in the lives of young men discerning for the priesthood and we need your help to continue that work.”

The program ended with a special tribute to the great work of Father Buettner and others.”

The program concluded with a benediction by Archbishop Coakley at the conclusion of the dinner.

“Please pray that God will be merciful to us and give us every confidence that we will have increasing numbers of seminarians to prepare for priesthood. The new Saint John Vianney Fund will be a critical part of our ability to educate and form future generations of priests to serve in our parishes.”

Sponsor for the event included: Cherubim Level – Two anonymous gifts were received for the fund at this level. Thrones Level – Mr. and Mrs. John Heifer, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Larkeman, Patrick Farma, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Schultz. Archangel Level – Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brinn, Christ the King Church, Mr. and Mrs. James Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kason, Saint Thomas More University Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stith, Rich Jones Black GMC, Mr. and Mrs. Darren Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mulligan, again, M.D., Mr. and Mrs. Craig Crowder Mr. and Mrs. Larry Downey, Mrs. Cathy Cooper/ Mrs. Shirley Miller, Saint Mary Church, Ponca City.


Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O’Hara, Saint John the Baptist Church, FDC Producer, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Eason, Dr. and Mrs. Darin McShane/ Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Eason, First National Bank of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Eason, Saint Thomas More University Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stith, Rich Jones Black GMC, Mr. and Mrs. Darren Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mulligan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrow. Photo Credit: Theresa Nalagan, M.D. in memory of Edward C. Nalagan.

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Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School announces new board members

Cristo Rey Oklahoma City Catholic High School named four new board members for the school’s 17-person board of directors of Oklahoma City Public Schools. In addition, Cristo Rey OKC added a new member to its Corporate Work Study Board. John Kennedy, president of Intrepid Brady and Main Street Parking, will represent the business community on the Cristo Rey board. Kennedy previously served as both Oklahoma secretary of state and interim secretary of commerce. He also served on the Harvard University Board of overseers and as the Harvard Kennedy School Fund Executive Council.

Kennedy received a bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma City University in history and political science and a master’s degree from Harvard University in public administration.

Guillermo “Willy” Morales, a structural and analysis engineer at The Boeing Company, will also represent the business community. Morales is the education lead for Boeing-OKC’s Hispanic Employees Network.

Prior to joining Boeing, he held leadership roles at NASA Langley and Spirit AeroSystems.

Joseph “Joe” Clyты II, owner of Utilities Information Inc., will represent the Oklahoma City community on the Cristo Rey OKC board. Previously, it was not only Clyты who served as the budget director for the City of Oklahoma City and as marketing executive for Voila Water Co.

Clyты is a lifelong resident of Oklahoma City and an active advocate for community improvement.

Joseph

Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School's student body includes nearly 500 students from a wide array of backgrounds, and the school’s mission is to provide a rigorous academic environment that combines faith with academic achievement. The school’s Corporate Work Study Program is funded by corporate sponsors and provides students with the opportunity to gain work experience while attending school.

Beloved mother of outcasts

August 9, 1918, was a cloudy, dreary and rainy day at Kalaupapa, Hawaii. The somber surroundings, as if nature itself was already preparing itself for some great, impending event, were in contrast with the happiness and joy that the news of the Japanese government's decision to remove the lepers from the island brought.

Marianne Songer, the oldest child, immediately began to work full time at a textile manufacturing plant for the family's financial support. Her younger brothers and sisters also began to work as soon as they could, with the guidance and support of their dedicated mother.

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Agee is the dean of the Meinders School of Business and professor of economics at Oklahoma City University. He served as president and chief operating officer of multiple oil and natural gas exploration and production companies. Agee served six years on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City branch, with the last three years as its chairman.

Agee earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Kansas. He earned a master’s and doctorate degrees in economics from the University of Kansas. He has served as a member of the Oklahoma City Board of Education, a member of the Oklahoma City University School of Law, and as a member of the Oklahoma City Council.

Before joining the school district, Agee served as the budget director of the Oklahoma City Public Schools and as chief operating officer of the Oklahoma City Community College. He also served as the budget director of the Oklahoma City Public Schools and as chief operating officer of the Oklahoma City Community College.

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Hearts not made of stone
Honorning Jesus around the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

By J.E. Helm
The Soonercatholic

It all started with a book. Sandy Howard’s pastor at Saint Francis Xavier in Enid, Father James Mickus, told her about the work of Fritz Eichenberg, a wonderful wood engraver and illustrator, a selection of whose works was now presented in the book, “Works of Mercy,” by Robert Ellsberg.

Eichenberg was a long-time friend of social advocate Dorothy Day. She had asked him to do illustrations for her newspaper, The Catholic Worker. He accepted, and his drawings frequently depicted the lives of the poorest of the poor whom Dorothy Day championed. Ellsberg was at one time an editor at The Catholic Worker.

Sandy Howard was serving as the director of Our Daily Bread, a soup kitchen in Enid, when Father Mickus gave her a copy of “Works of Mercy.” On the book’s jacket and on Pg. 78 of the text is Eichenberg’s famous “Christ of the Breadlines,” a stark black and white illustration created for The Catholic Worker showing Jesus in the middle of a line of down-and-out men, seemingly in line for food at a city shelter. Howard was very much taken by the illustration as many others had been. She determined to use this work of Eichenberg’s as a visual mission statement for Our Daily Bread.

Howard received a donation of $10,000 from a woman who gave the gift in memory of her husband. Legal permission to use “Christ of the Breadlines” was obtained, and a commission was given to create a carved marble mural.

Today, the black and white mural adorns the street-facing wall in front of Our Daily Bread. Its stark design is meant as a reminder of the reality of hunger for many of those in our midst. The central figure of Christ is the line of men speaks to us and says, “For I was hungry and you gave me food.” (Matthew 25:36)

And Jesus Wept

In Oklahoma City, another work of art in marble also shows us the suffering Christ. The sculpture called And Jesus Wept is adjacent to the Oklahoma City National Memorial, which honors the 168 lives lost during the 1995 federal building bombing.

Paul Meyer was the architect who worked on the entire restoration of Saint Joseph Old Cathedral and the construction of a new rectory after the property suffered severe damage in the bombing.

A number of ideas were considered, but when the phrase “And Jesus Wept” [John 11:35] was suggested, Meyer knew at once that he had found an idea he could develop. Meyer’s son David was the sculptor who completed the statue of Jesus.

The site is barelry black and white. A grief-stricken Jesus covers his eyes with one hand, his other hand clenched above his heart; his back is turned, his head is bent. The statue of Jesus is white, Meyer explains, contrasting with the broken, black and white that is opposite of his perfection, the terrible evil that has transpired.

There are 168 niches in the wall that surrounds the statue of Jesus; each niche can hold a small vigil candle. Some aspects of the memorial are purposely left undefined, according to Meyer. This is meant to invite reflection, each person considering what various aspects mean, why Jesus is turned away in what the short, black columns is the foreground signify.

Homeless Jesus

A third sculpture, also in Oklahoma City, is Homeless Jesus, a bronze casting by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz, placed in front of the offices of Catholic Charities. The work first appeared in Canada in 2013 and has been copied in many locations throughout the United States. When Pope Francis saw the statue (at another location), he asked for a copy for the Vatican. The bronze that was meant for Oklahoma City was sent instead to Rome where it marks the entrance to the Papal Offices of Charities.

The statue shows a man wrapped in a blanket, sleeping on a park bench. It is veritably colorless, a dark grey. His face is barely visible. Only one closed eye can be seen; the face appears gaunt, and there is the suggestion of a mustache. The man is revealed to be Christ only by the wounds of crucifixion on his naked feet.

In several cities where the statue is located, people have called the police to express concern for the welfare of what they believed to be an actual homeless man. In Oklahoma City, Jessi Riesenberg, Catholic Charities senior director of development and outreach, said people sometimes leave items like a blanket or candies. One anonymous person left a sack of grain and even unwrapped it. She interprets these offerings as gestures that express an understanding of what the sculpture means.

Homeless Jesus calls us to remember Matthew 25:40, that whatever we do for “these least brothers,” we do for Christ himself, and conversely, in what we “did not do for one of these least ones,” we have denied Christ present among us (Matthew 25:40).

And Jesus Wept, Jesus of the Breadlines, and Homeless Jesus are all works in black and white, carved and cut in truth and reality. These three works of art call to us in our passing.

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Quo Vadis Days 2017

Forty young men and their families participated in the first Quo Vadis Days discernment retreat.

Photos Zachary Bousman.
Following Stan Rother’s example  

How can we say “yes” in everyday life

By J.E. Helm
The Sooner Catholic

Director of youth and campus ministry

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time director of youth, young adult and campus ministry. This position will include direct leadership of all archdiocesan youth evangelization and discipleship efforts, oversight of young adult and campus ministry budgets, and the summer youth camp program. Bachelor’s degree required. Previous experience leading a youth ministry program for a diocese or related field required. Master’s degree preferred. Excellent oral and written communication skills and proven ability to function as a leader. Previous experience in leading youth and young adult ministry programs in a diocesan setting required. Bachelor’s degree in Theology or related field required. Must have knowledge and understanding of Catholic doctrine in theology or related field required. Previous experience leading adult formation programs across the archdiocese desired. Must have strong understanding of the Faith and be an example of how she “looks fear in the face and says, ‘I will go’.”

Director of adult formation and leadership development

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time director of adult formation and leadership development. This position will include direct leadership of adult formation efforts for the diocese, a pastoral emphasis on forming missionary disciples, and other leadership formation efforts. Bachelor’s degree required. Previous experience leading adult formation programs across the archdiocese desired. Must have knowledge and understanding of Catholic doctrine. Bachelor’s degree in Theology or related field required. Previous experience leading adult formation programs across the archdiocese desired. Must have strong understanding of the Faith and be an example of how she “looks fear in the face and says, ‘I will go’.”

Director of marriage and family ministry

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time director of marriage and family ministry. This position will include direct leadership of archdiocesan marriage and family life efforts, oversight of marriage preparation and formation, marriage enrichment and support services to families, including single parents and the divorced. Bachelor’s degree in marriage and family life required; master’s degree preferred. Previous experience in leading family life ministry on the diocesan and/or parish level a plus. Significant background in leadership development in marriage and family ministry desired. Bilingual in Spanish preferred. Send inquiries and resumes to nlangert@archokc.org.

John Senior and the Restoration of Realism

By Anamaria Scaperlanda Biddick
The Sooner Catholic

How do we educate our children to delight in existence, distinguish truth from error, communicate effectively, develop the talents to serve the community and earn a living? One of these students, Father Rother, exemplifies what it means to say “yes.”

Father Rother’s example is an example for all of us. We have only to answer “yes!”

Father Don Wolf is pastor of St. Eugene Catholic Church in Oklahoma City, in the footsteps of Father Stan's example.

An action plan for all of us today

This is not easy for Lord. She writes, “I’m not a ‘saint’ in the wheel-kind of gal. I’m more of a ‘saint’ in the cup-kid. What you can hop into our passenger seat as long as you promise not to be a backseat kind of driver kind.”

She discourses thankfully. It’s a “holy invitation to appreciate and gratification, and announce all the pleasures of this. “Fear steal my memory and change me. I don’t know how much God had done for me,” she writes.

She continues to understand “what it means to ‘offer up’ our behavior and to narrate all the many life circumstances that carried me to the other side of fear.”

What is so nice about “On the Contemplative Way” is that it is a reminder that we all will struggle. “We all have worries. We are not nearly as alone as we might feel.”

Hoff is an author, speaker, radio host, conference leader, and the happily married mother of several “delightful” children.

Hoff is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

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Arzobispo: Beato Óscar Romero podría ser canonizado el próximo año

Por Cindy Woodsee
Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO — El postulador de la causa de canonización del beato salvadoreño Óscar Romero, dijo que espera que el proceso termine dentro un año y que el papa lo canonice.

Por Cindy Woodsee, redactora de la Agencia de Noticias de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma.

Un eclipse del sol es un tiempo mientras la luna pasa entre la tierra y el sol, proyectando su sombra sobre gran parte de la superficie de la tierra. ¿La última vez que ocurrió el fenómeno fue en 1918? Miles de personas viajarán grandes distancias para avistar este fenómeno extraordinario. Tal vez sea un verdadero eclipse solar que coincidirá con el momento de la muerte de nuestro Señor que causó la oscurosidad de la noche en el Evangelio de San Mateo: “Desde el mediodía hasta las tres de la tarde todo el país se cubrió de tinieblas.” (Mt 27, 45).

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By Sally Crowe Nash

Are you listening?

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting Network has hired a development director. (Remember: you read it here first.) This is pretty cool. Marianne Pierce has been hired as development director for OCBN. The Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting board members enthusiastically wel-
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Edmond parishioner becomes leader of Oklahoma Knights

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As the leader of more than 8,000 Catholic men, John Pierce has quite a job ahead of him in the foreseeable future. This past spring, he was elected state deputy at the Oklahoma Council of the Knights of Columbus convention. Although a volunteer post, Pierce quickly will find his plate full with an abundance of tasks, all designed to promote the faith through multiple acts of charity.

He’s carrying on a legacy, first started in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Conn. Today the Catholic, fraternal service family organization has thousands of councils both here and internationally. Annually, millions of dollars are donated to charity, matched by millions of volunteer hours.

“One of my goals will be to revitalize some programs which may have languished,” Pierce said. He has served years with the state leadership in various posts, learning the group’s organization and honing his skills.

Although his term began July 1, Pierce had several tasks awaiting him, as he appointed chairmen to many programs managed by the Knights.

Perhaps the top priority for Oklahoma Knights is in Okarche. It is home for The Center of Family Love, which helps developmentally challenged adults. The Knights helped to found the center in 1981 and they continue to support its mission through volunteer efforts and an annual candy drive.

Schulte said last month’s Gift of Love Gala at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum raised more than $600,000 for the center.

Pierce said he will concentrate on membership retention and helping to expand the charitable outreach of the Knights.

That covers a lot of ground as the Knights support clergy, religious retreats and strongly encourage devotion and participation in the faith. The Blessed Mother is the patroness for the order.

Pierce said a former state deputy, Ron Schwarz, who is now a member of Saint John, Richard Schulte, knows the task ahead of him.

“John has proven himself and is very qualified,” Schulte said. “He has proved himself and is very qualified.”

Earlier this year, hundreds of Knights were part of the annual Catholic Men’s Conference in Norman, both as attendees and volunteers. The group is involved in pro-life activities, including 40 Days for Life, and an ultrasound program. The Knights have donated several ultrasound machines to clinics across the state. The machines are used to enhance the health of both the mother and her unborn child.

Other Knights activities such as an annual bowling tournament or softball tournament are used to promote family activities.

As state deputy, Pierce will be involved with a lot of paperwork as well as meetings. Yet, he knows the work is important and he welcomes the challenge.

“T’ve always liked and admired being around these men because of their commitment to Christianity,” he said.

He encourages all Catholic men, not yet Knights, to consider membership.

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