

You Are Invited To Celebrate The
**NEW FEAST DAY OF
BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1983**

**7:30 P.M. — Martyrs Shrine Coliseum
Auriesville, N.Y.**

**VERY REVEREND
DONALD E. PELOTTE, S.S.S.**
Celebrant and Homilist

Father Pelotte is the provincial of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, a Penobscot Indian, attended the beatification ceremonies in Rome.

- Liturgy in honor of Blessed Kateri, Virgin.
- Choir from St. Joseph's Church, Broadalbin.
- Pageant by Adirondack Players.
- Presentation of '83 Tekakwitha Awards
- Winner of \$300 announced.

"Every genuine testimony of love which we show to those in heaven tends toward and terminates in Christ, Who is the 'crown of all Saints'." (Vatican II)

KATERI'S INTERCESSION — SOME ANSWERS

FINGER SAVED

I had a tumor on my small left finger which was to have been surgically removed. I invoked Blessed Kateri's intercession and it disappeared. I promised to promote devotion to her by giving testimony of the blessing and a donation to tell others to invoke her help so that her canonization may soon happen. — *Chama, N. Mex.*

TWO NOVENAS ANSWERED

I have said two novenas to Kateri Tekakwitha, one for my Grandson-in-law and one for my Grandson and his wife to stay together. They both came true. One got the job he wanted and my Grandson and his wife are still together and very happy. I want to thank Kateri for answering my prayers. — *Boulder, Colo.*

TONGUE SORE GONE

As promised I am enclosing a check in thanksgiving for a favor received from Blessed Kateri. My tongue was sore for three or four months over which I was quite worried. I prayed to Blessed Kateri and the soreness is gone and has never returned. — *Syracuse, N. Y.*

GUIDED

My perpetual gratitude to our Blessed Kateri for her guidance. — *Canton, Ohio.*

TWO OURS, NOW 5

I read about Kateri in the Globe paper a few years ago. I started praying to her, and she has helped me. I was a foster mother — and after adopting 3, we wanted to adopt 2 more. It finally happened with a lot of prayers. We had 2 children of our own and 5. I really feel that Kateri helped us. Could you please send me all the information you have on her. — *Garden Grove, Cal.*

MY PUSH FROM CHICAGO TO ROCHESTER

When I was transferred from Chicago in late 1982, I began my new life in the Cenacle Retreat House, Rochester, N. Y., by making a retreat at Auriesville within daily access of the Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Some Chicago ladies, impressed by Rochester's reputation for wintry weather, had lovingly taken up a collection for me there which provided me with a tweed suit and a long warm 100 per cent wool black coat. Nevertheless I was still in need of some inner strength in facing the future, and this was contained for me in the life of Kateri by Fr. F.X. Weiser, S.J., which Fr. McBride made available to me at Auriesville. Her pluck as a child recovering from smallpox in finding her way around the longhouse inspired her uncle to name her "Te-ga-with-a," "she pushes with her hands." The Mohawk listeners applauded, for the name signified an ideal woman, one who takes initiatives yet keeps everything in order. This was a presage of how Blessed Kateri would come to be looked upon by some in the Church as an advocate of peace in a nuclear age, an encourager to the handicapped because she was undaunted by her physical limitations connected with poor vision. She became my inspiration as I left the midwest and ventured into new surroundings. — *Sr. Winifred Corrigan.*

ONE CALL SELLS HOUSE

The enclosed is from my mother in thanksgiving for being able to sell the home of a friend who has had to move into a nursing home. Mom had prayed to Kateri that the house could be sold quickly and at a fair price, both to her friend and to the people buying it. Even with the economy being down, Mom made one phone call and sold the house. Everyone involved is pleased. — *Elwood, In.*

CUTBACK HEALED

My sister-in-law was laid off from a job of 29 years due to cutback in work. We promised a donation if she could find work. She found a job this last week. — *Beaumont, Tx.*

EVER SINCE 1932

I have prayed to Blessed Kateri since 1932 when I started a business in this town — from scratch. It was very hard times but I had faith. In my mail I received a prayer to Kateri. I had never heard of her but the sisters

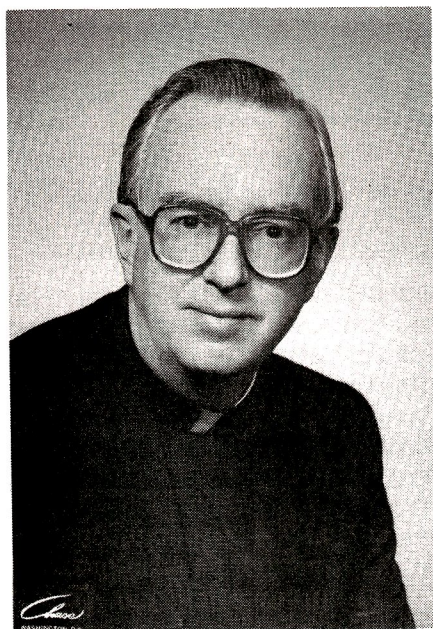
at St. Xavier in the vicinity of our town sent me the prayers and told me how many times she answered their prayers — especially when they needed coal for their school. I must say she has been wonderful to me. I have been sending donations to her Indian Mission in Sisseton, S. Dakota, in thanksgiving. I am enclosing a check of \$25 in thanks for all her favors. — *Latrobe, Pa.*

NO EFFECTS AFTER STROKE

In June my wife suffered a massive stroke and we despaired for her life. Thru the intercession of Blessed Kateri she is well on the road to recovery and shows none of the after effects of the stroke. God must have a special affection for our Blessed Kateri. — *Murray Hill, N.J.*

RECOVERY

Our son was very ill with pneumonia. We prayed for Kateri's intercession and we are happy to say that he is on the road to recovery. — *Albuquerque, N. Mex.*



Rev. Msgr. Paul A. Lenz

Loud and clear wherever he goes, Monsignor sounds Kateri's praises. After serving as a missionary in Paraguay he became pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish in Bellefonte, Pa., during which time he started the mission church named after Blessed Kateri (cf. Fall, LILY).

In 1976 he was named Executive Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and its companion office, the Commission for Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians.

Plus his visits to many Indian Nations he publishes a monthly newsletter which usually tells about Kateri. In 1980 he led the largest pilgrimage of Native Americans to the beatification of Blessed Kateri in Rome. All his activities, Kateri-permeated, brings him the '83 Tekakwitha Award.

New Blessed Kateri Group Formed

The newest Blessed Kateri Prayer Group in the Rochester, N.Y., Diocese had its first meeting at 3:30 P.M., Saturday March 5, in Blessed Sacrament School, 546 Oxford St. Another assembly was held on the 303rd Anniversary of Kateri's death, April 17.

The purpose of the group is to promote the canonization of Blessed Kateri, making her better known through a study of her life.

Joy, Gratitude, Pride Mark The Celebration Of Blessed Kateri's New Feast Day, July 14

The Bishops saw that it was good and so made July 14 the new Feast Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany and Episcopal Head of the Kateri Cause, petitioned for the change from April 17, last year.

The celebration will begin Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. in the Shrine Coliseum with Very Rev. Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., provincial of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, a Penobscot Indian, as celebrant and homilist.

Under the direction of Sally Mullin the Choir from St. Joseph's Parish, Broadalbin, will provide the choral program. Fr. Aurelius Gariepy, S.S.S., made this arrangement. A song in honor of Blessed Kateri composed by Sister Mary Catherine Rich, CSJ, will be introduced by the choir.

Depicting Kateri's life in the Mohawk Valley and Canada a pageant will be presented under the direction of Cathie Ozug who produced Godspel in 1980.

Receiving the 1983 Tekakwitha Awards will be Rev. Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, Pat Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ruller, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Villa.

After the liturgical celebration the special raffle for \$300 will be made and given to the winner in the Wampum '83 Sharing-fund Program. Eligible for this prize are those who are fully paid-up Wampum Members.

All arrangements for the Feast Day Program are in the hands of the Mohawk Valley Kateri Associates who will act as altar

Program of each meeting consists of the Rosary, a reading from Kateri's life, prayer, petitions, and activity planning.

A gentleman looking for an AA meeting joined the first meeting, stayed until the end. He was welcomed and was introduced to Blessed Kateri.

Persons seeking further information may contact Anne Scheuerman, 4 Harper Dr., Pittsford, N.Y., 14534; (716) 381-5998.



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
... official League picture

attendants, Eucharistic Ministers, and receptionists.

The change of the Feast Day from April 17 to July 14 was made to enable the Shrines to commemorate adequately the event because it now falls within the Shrine seasons and also during the good weather season. July 14 was chosen because on this date in 1667 Frs. Fremin, Bruyas, and Pierron, Jesuit missionaries, came to the Mohawk Valley; Fr. DeLamberville, Kateri's spiritual guide, arrived in 1667; and Hot Powder who assisted Kateri's escape from her uncle, died.

Fr. McBride will offer the Feast Day Mass for the deceased League Members. All Members are urged to pray for the completion of the Kateri Chapel.

NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

Mary-Eunice, who in monologue form has told the Kateri story in many parts of the United States and at the Martyrs Shrine, will be the receptionist in the National Kateri Center during July and August.

Congratulations to Fr. Nicholas Weiss, OFM, Conv., director of the Fonda Kateri Shrine, on his 25th priesthood anniversary!

No definite date is given for the appearance of Jack Casey's book (Cf. last issue, front page). As expected it is to be scheduled this month, ten months after, it comes off the press. Due notice will be given when "Lily of the Mohawks" by Jack Casey sees the light of day.

Plans are brewing to have the St. John's Lyric Theater Group stage "Man of LaMancha" in the beginning of October. This fine dramatic corp billed "Brigadoon" last year in the Shrine Cafeteria. A buffet style dinner is being thought about.

Writes Fr. Bechard, Canadian Vice Postulator: "You will be interested in learning that the Indian Band Council at Kahnawake has officially named the Mission Church (Where Kateri's tomb is.) 'Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha,' with the approval of Bishop Hubert. Fr. Lajoie (pastor) has decided to build a motel of forty rooms including a Kateri Center for my eventual successor." Full speed ahead — a grand idea!

A carved wooden Kateri statue has always had an appeal to me. A company, I learned recently, had only 15 left and would never carry

them again. I ordered 10 which are for sale at \$18.50 each. It is a 3" piece and made in Italy. While they last you may get one by writing to the League office with your check.

Chairperson of the International Kateri Committee Anne Scheuerman will leave at the end of June for a pilgrimage through Spain and France. With her will be hand-out information about Blessed Kateri. Off, off, and away with Kateri!

Running from Friday PM, May 20, to Sunday early PM, May 22, will be the North Eastern Tekakwitha Conference of Kateri Hall, Hogansburg, NY, the St. Regis Reservation. Registration may be made by writing to St. Regis Mission, P.O. Box 327, Hogansburg, NY, 13655; phone 514-575-2066; fee per person: meals \$15., registration \$15. There are Motels in the area. Accommodations are available in homes of parishioners if you wish.

David Pumarejo, builder of "Ioragado," "Little Sunshine," out of burnt match sticks, on display in the National Kateri Center, has made two more galleons exhibited in the Inmates Arts & Crafts Show in Albany. Both are for sale. For data on them contact Rev. James C. Hayes, 23 Bulkley St., Granville, NY, 12832.

The Mohawk Valley Kateri Associates have maintained monthly devotions in honor of Blessed Kateri all through the winter, thanks to having the Retreat House available for the Masses and meetings. Artisans, too, they are for they have made leather

pouches with KATERI burned on, tom-toms, and almost 500 attractive shrines out of tooth picks. An afternoon of recollection was sponsored for anyone willing to come. Managerial talents have been displayed in organizing and managing Wampum '83. Long will live the Kateri Spirit by these mighty fine persons!

First to sign the Center's guest book for 1983 are Mr. and Mrs. P. Beaudry and daughter Anne, from Saginaw, Mich. Other visitors during the Easter recess were a couple and daughter taking Kateri as her confirmation name from Enfield, Conn., and the Fleigers from Wisconsin. Kateri is a great magnet. As the season opens the Center will probably number pilgrims from all over the U.S.A. May Kateri draw us closer to Christ during the Holy Year!

We must discontinue sending the LILY to the Philippine Islands because of postal rates. However, this does not mean people there are no longer League Members. Just saying the prayer for Blessed Kateri's canonization makes a person a member.

The parent Tekakwitha Conference, held annually, will be held on the St. John's University Campus, Collegeville, Minn., August 10-14, 1983. Fr. Gil Hemauer, OFM, Cap., is the president of the National Tekakwitha Conference and to his office may be sent registrations for the '83 Assembly: 1818 Ninth Avenue South No. 5, Great Falls, MT, 59405. While the Blessed Kateri League supports the Tek Conferences it is in no way connected with them.

American Indian Spirituality Enriches Christian Prayer

Native American spirituality offers timeless and universal elements that can widely enhance the personal spirituality of non-Indians as well as the natural heirs of these traditions. As a Catholic priest, I have incorporated modes of Indian spirituality into my personal spiritual repertory. What began as an objective fascination of Indian culture would eventually be integrated to influence my prayer posture, prayer vocabulary and the categories used to express my perception of the divine.

When referring to "Native American spirituality," I try to resist the temptation to over-generalize. There are very many tribes representing several different cultural zones. Yet, a number of widely-shared characteristics can be cited.

American Indian spirituality was a daily affair. Religion was a way of life, an infusion of the sacred into worldly experiences. "Nature" was an integral part of Indian communion with the divine. The out-of-doors possessed its own dynamic, and the Indian engendered a reverent regard for the earth and stood in a mystical harmony with nature and the "Great Spirit" that caused it all to be. The Indian had a sense of the whole of creation and stressed modes of inter-relatedness. The relational fact among all creation stems from the vision of "orenda" (Iroquoian), "manitou" (Algonquian) or "wakan" (Siouan) — the essential animating spirit that all things have. Ancestor regard reflected this vision of continuity and the whole, and the circle becomes an important Native American spiritual symbol. This dynamic "animating spirit" can generally be compared to the Thomistic principle of "essence" — a horse has the spirit of "horseness," a tree of "tree-ness," a man of "man-ness" and all of the characteristics and virtues he possesses.

The "Great Spirit" of traditional Indian spirituality is not a personifiable God like the Judeo-Christian God, but rather is the original animating force of all things, a "necessary connection force" of all creation. The recognition of a Great Spirit is a modified monotheism (belief in one God). This notion of "one

God" is rare among ancient peoples. When early Europeans discovered this phenomena having existed for centuries in Native American spirituality, some conjectured that the American Indians were related to "The Lost Tribes of Israel" (the Jewish people were also unique as an ancient monotheistic people). Archaeology, however, has demonstrated that the American Indian is of eastern Asiatic stock, and their "monotheism" is coincidental with ancient Israel's.

"Reality" to the Indian was made up of physical things, dreams (other than physical reality) and the ghost world (recalled reality). Each was as important an element of reality as the others. Dance, chant, smoke, art and exuberance were significant elements in Indian ritual, and contemplation and asceticism (disciplinary spiritual practices) were integral parts of personal devotion.

Some elements of Native American spirituality caused concern and tension among the missionaries who were transporting the Christian faith to the Indians. In turn, many Indians resented the displacement of their traditional religious practices by Christianity. "Revivals" appeared in later Indian histories (e.g. Wovoka's Ghost Dance and the Code of Handsome Lake). These revivals attempted to give "new life" to traditional Indian



PAT MONTANA, of Guilford, Conn., is a jovial, generous individual who welcomes everyone into his home with a word about Blessed Kateri. Not shown in this picture is Pat's Kateri Shrine in his kitchen. He runs the Diamond M Ranch. No one in need rides away from his home without being offered a bed and a meal. Almost 300 new members Pat has enlisted in the past two years.

spirituality. Even today, the Native American Church, centered around the Peyote cult, attracts thousands of followers.

However, many Indians did find meaning in Christianity, and easily embraced that faith. Kateri Tekawitha is the sterling example of the neat blending of Indian culture and Christian faith. Kateri synthesized ascetical and contemplative qualities from her native background to feed into her newly-found Christian spirituality. In fact, Pope John Paul II wrote in the course of Kateri's beatification proceedings that Kateri's beatification is "one of the most effective steps toward the development and promotion of a local Church that is authentically Indian."

Tap into elements of Native American spirituality and see if they cannot enrich an authentic Christian spirituality.

— Father Frank McQuade



Reluctant at first to accept the '83 Tekakwitha Award because they thought they had not done enough for the Cause, Bert and Monique Ruller of Gloversville, N.Y., thought twice and realized their acceptance would be an example to others to work to make Kateri better known. Both have given their time, their talents, and their devotion. So, they well merit the Award.

WNY'S DAY WITH BLESSED KATERI

The first diocesan-wide Indian Day in the history of the Buffalo Diocese, Western New York, will be held on Saturday, June 4, at Our Lady of Peace in Clarence, N.Y., Route 5.

Most Rev. Edward D. Head, D.D., bishop of Buffalo, will open the assembly with a "Welcome to Our Native American Brothers and Sisters," at 11 A.M. Rev. Msgr. Leo E. Hammerl, pastor, will introduce the day's events and at 11:45 Mass will begin.

According to Sister Marcella O'Donnell, SSMN, coordinator of the program the occasion will provide a triple opportunity: 1) to honor Blessed Kateri to learn more about her; 2) to picnic with fellow Catholic Indians; and 3) to participate in a spiritual Pow-Wow.

Lunch follows the Mass after which booths displaying Indian handiwork may be visited. At 2:30

P.M. "The Maid of the Mohawks" depicting six scenes from Kateri's Life will be presented. A Pow-wow featuring the Akwesasne Mohawk Dancers and the Eagle Dance by Edward Scott, a Seneca, will occur at 3 P.M. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament ends the day at 4 P.M. A snack and free mementoes will be distributed at the departure around 4:30 P.M.

The homily for the Mass will be given by Father Joseph McBride, SJ, vice postulator. John White, Mohawk singer and composer, will present "Kateri" during Communion.

There are 600 Catholic Native Americans affiliated with 129 parishes in eight counties of the large Buffalo Diocese.

Corn soup made by a Mohawk, coffee, tea, cocoa, cold drink, and other goodies will be available, free of charge, to supplement brought picnic lunches.

KATERI BUILDING FUND

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Wampum '83 was to be the life saver if extra costs would accrue in the building of the Blessed Kateri Chapel. Extras have cropped up because of some weaknesses in the old structure, causing delays in remedying them on the architect's plans.

Up to January, 1984, memberships, though partial at this time, will be accepted.

Here are some notes to ponder:

... There is no connection with the Stock Exchange. We're using only the last three digits of the total sold of the ODD-LOT trading given in the Wall St. Journal on the dates listed on your membership card.

... No need to buy the WS Journal. You'll be notified with your check if your number matches what appears in the Journal.

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... Living or deceased names may be given for the plaque. Only one line allowed.

... Listing on the plaque due only to completely paid-up (\$60.) annual fee.

... Special \$300. winner will be announced after the Feast Day Mass, July 14.

... Plenty of tickets remain and may be purchased as long as they last up to January, 1984. Make check payable to WAMPUM '83 and state clearly your name and full address.

... Think of \$5 per month for 12 months, not a whopper of \$60.

This project has been ably managed by Ann Marie and Dick Adach of Gloversville, N.Y., Bert Ruller, and Captain and Mrs. Bill Janeski of Amsterdam, N.Y. The Mohawk Valley Kateri Associates have assisted. Tickets are available at the National Kateri Center and through the mail.

Sr. Kateri Leaves St. Regis Reserve

It was a time of tears and farewell. Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.A., was much loved and would be missed. The Akwesasne Singers and Dancers of the St. Regis Mohawk Reserve, religious and other friends gathered at an appreciation dinner in her honor at Kateri Hall following a Mass in St. Regis Mission Church, March 13, 1983, Hogansburg, N.Y.

Many people remembered how Sr. Kateri organized, taught and guided some 40 youngsters in the ways of Native American culture. Begun in 1978, the group, backed and supported by parents, traveled widely to help others to understand the Indian culture and to promote their own Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to sainthood. They performed at the North American Martyrs Shrine at Auriesville and the Kateri Shrine at Fonda. They praised Kateri in song at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and at Niagara Falls at an outdoor Mass.

Groups in Rochester, Syracuse, Albuquerque, and many Canadian churches hosted the singers and dancers. They traveled to Vermont and performed at the Hyatt Regency during the International Congress of the World Who's Who where representatives of 37 nations had gathered.



SMILES TOOK OVER at the farewell dinner when Sr. Kateri was presented with a large picture of herself and Pope John Paul II taken during Kateri's beatification.

After teaching school in the United States as a Sister of St. Anne, she returned to St. Regis in 1970 to work on the Reserve. In a few years she became principal of the Cornwall Indian Day School in Canada. Unselfishly in her quiet, modest way she continued helping her people and was an inspiration and model to them.

Sister had not received a new assignment at this time but wherever she goes, she shall be a treasure to those who receive her.
— Anne Scheuerman.

CHAPEL BUILDING REPORT

At the end of April the architect's plans are expected to be out for bids. When the builder is contracted work will take a bit over two months.

Then for finishing touches which provide fitting memorials, for instance: carpeting — \$2,000, lights — \$2,000, cabinets — \$1,000, monstrance — \$300, pew or chairs — \$100 each, albs — \$50 each, stations — \$500, missal stand — \$200, glass wall — \$1200, doors — \$75, vacuum cleaner — \$250.

"The low key appeal has had great response as seen from the article on the bottom of the previous page. The chapel will reflect the love for Blessed Kateri in grand degree. Fervent thanks to all who have contributed and to those who are praying for the success of this project," stated Father McBride as this LILY goes to press.

"Kateri - that's a good name!"

"When you are thirteen, events in your life are very important to you. When you are being confirmed, the right name for that special occasion is very important to you. Kateri Tekakwitha was important



Lisa Kateri Bell

to me ever since I heard about her holy life from my Mother. I felt attracted to Kateri for many reasons. She knew the direction she wanted her life to take; she had a goal, namely, to know and serve Jesus always. She lived her every day life as a witness toward that goal by the practice of good and upright living. She followed the guidelines of the Catholic Church and not the whims of the

"The Indian"

*Many times I thought about who made this country great,
Who often had to take abuse and also feel the hate,
Of people who looked down on them, and took their land away.
So they rebelled and being proud, they fought both long and hard,
To gain respect and dignity and prove the people wrong.
I'm talking about the Indian, who wants to get along,
To go about their business and earn what's due to them,
And prove to everyone, that they are the true Americans.
So when you think of anyone who made this country grow,
Remember the Iroquois, the Cherokee and also the Navajo,
To name a few who stood and fought against the greatest odds,
To live a life of peace and gain the homage due to them,
The only true Americans, my friends the Indians.*

— Jeanne Sheehan,
Jersey City, N.J.



V usually stands for victory. In the League's lexicon it stands for Villa — Joe and Catherine of Amsterdam, N.Y., who win the Tekakwitha Award this year for their winning ways to help the Kateri Cause. From stage building to serving pizza they excel. Always ready to help they give of themselves in the spirit of Kateri of the Mohawk Valley.

crowd, no matter what the cost might be. Yet she lived in peace among her people and loved them. She sought occasions to serve them in humility. I shall always remember her prayer life and shall try to practice daily living in the spirit of Blessed Kateri, my namesake."

These were the words of Lisa Kateri Bell on the occasion of her

confirmation at St. Theodore's Church in Rochester, N.Y., February, 1983. It was Bishop Matthew Clark, who was at Blessed Kateri's beatification in June, 1980, the confirming prelate. When he saw Lisa's large ribbon with her confirmation name printed on it, the Bishop spontaneously remarked, "Kateri, that's a good name!"

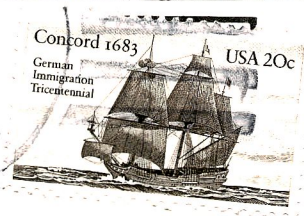
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