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Aim

1. Our quarterly bulletin, *Kateri*, published by the Kateri Center, intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Canonization will thereby be hastened.
2. It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Canonization.
3. It also seeks your donations, for without them practically nothing can be done to make Kateri known and to have the important favors attributed to her intercession examined and approved.

Contents

Each issue of *Kateri* contains:

1. One or several pages on Kateri's life and virtues;
2. News from Kateri's friends everywhere;
3. The account of favors due to her intercession;
4. News concerning the native peoples of America, with special reference to the people of Kahnawake and their friends.

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1. A weekly Mass is offered;
2. A weekly High Mass for deceased friends is offered;
3. The Vice-Postulator prays at the liturgy of the hours;
4. The spiritual treasure of the good works of the Society of Jesus is opened;
5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's canonization.

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Prayer Pledges for Kateri's Canonization

Total pledges to June 30, 2009: 30,696.

Pilgrimage to Kateri's Shrine

Choose a lovely day in the summer. Notify the rectory of your coming, tel. (450) 632-6030 for a guide to lead you.

Help Spread Devotion to Blessed Kateri

Send in the names and addresses of relatives and friends and we will send them information on Blessed Kateri.

2009 - Liturgical Year - 2009

January	1: New Year's Day - Mary, Mother of God 3: Holy Name Of Jesus 6: Epiphany
February	2: Presentation of Jesus 24: Mardi-Gras 25: Ash Wednesday
April	5: Palm Sunday 10: Good Friday 12: Easter 17: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
May	10: Mother's Day 21: Ascension 31: Pentecost
June	21: Father's Day
July	1: Canada Day 4: United States Day 31: St Ignatius of Loyola
August	15: Assumption of Mary
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MY PLEDGE TO KATERI

Date _____

I, the undersigned, pledge to offer up each day one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and three Glories until the miracle needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization is obtained and approved.

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Bishop Berthelet's Homily for Kateri's Feast Day, 2009

Dear brothers, sisters,
and dear pilgrims,

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, it has been our desire to salute the memory of St. Marguerite d'Youville, born in Varennes, whose mortal remains will be transferred to her birthplace in the autumn of 2010; the memory of Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, whose remains rest in the co-cathedral of St. Anthony, near the original house of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and also Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, whose remains rest here in Kahnawake.

The 75th anniversary of the founding of our diocese is an occasion for all the faithful of our Church to turn towards the future, to replenish our faith, to be witnesses of the Good News of salvation and to be signs of the love of God, as Kateri Tekakwitha was. We find ourselves here on the Second Sunday of Easter, a Sunday of mercy and the Word of God, who is the source of our faith, who comes to call us, comes to nourish us, comes to support us on our way.

The Acts of the Apostles present the first Christian community to us by saying that those who adhered to the faith had only their hearts and their souls and they held everything in common. The Apostles bore witness to the Resurrection of the Lord and the grace of the Lord was upon all of them. It is our faith in the resurrected Christ that makes of us a community and can make us a community of heart and soul. Our faith needs to be nourished, however, nourished by the Word of God, by the Eucharist, by prayer. Once nourished, our faith has to be put into practice.

To put our faith into practice is to practise the commandments, John tells us in his first epistle, it is to put the teachings of Jesus to work and it is, in the first place, love for our brothers and sisters. The proof that we love God resides in our capacity to love our brothers and sisters. For this the Holy Spirit has been given to us. It is the love of God poured into our hearts so that we might love our brothers and sisters.

The love of God, however, like the love of our neighbour, is conveyed through forgiveness, and through mercy. That is the teaching of today's Gospel. The very night of Easter, the first day of the week, St. John tells

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(...follow)

us, the first day of the new world, Jesus comes into the midst of his Apostles and says to them : « Peace be with you » and he sends his Apostles while breathing on them, while giving them breath, the Spirit. « Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you remit, they shall be remitted. »

A community where there is no forgiveness, a community where there is no place for God's forgiveness, is a community in danger of death. Pardon gives new life, not only to the persons who give it and receive it, but to the entire community.

Kateri Tekakwitha, she who was humiliated, ridiculed and falsely accused, gives us a vibrant example of forgiveness. It was in listening to the Word of God, in participation in the Eucharist and in the adoration that she drew the strength to love by forgiving.

Brothers and sisters in St. Francis Xavier Mission, pilgrims who have come from the United States, from Ontario, from Quebec and from other parishes of our diocese, let us pray together that our faith will increase, that it will show itself in love for our brothers and sisters, in forgiveness received and given, and that our faith may be shared in such a way that our communities will be alive with the very life of God so that the world will believe. Amen.

+ Jacques Berthelet, C.S.V.
Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil



Greeting from the Vice-Postulator

As we enter the summer season, take time to thank God, for all you have been through during the past year, for the moments you may have wondered, "Where is God, does he not hear me in my time of distress?" God does hear you and does care, like the ever-loving Father that he is. When you feel abandoned and God seems so distant is when God is closest to you.

In the O.T., Isaiah 49 says: "Though a mother may forsake her baby, I will not leave you orphaned. In a time of favor, I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you safe. Come out, those who are in darkness, show yourselves, and you will eat along the way. You shall not hunger or thirst, for I have pity on you. You are my chosen people. It is I who comforts you; why then are you afraid? Be not afraid, for I am with you always."

Yes, we have God's Word that when we confide in him, he will always be at your side. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha understood this so well, to the time of her death. Kateri confided in Jesus' mercy, constantly praying for others that they could receive grace to accept God's invitation to surrender to him.

Blessed Kateri's Feast Day here in Kahnawake in April was a wonderful Celebration, well attended with many pilgrims from our Diocese of St-Jean-Longueuil. The entrance procession into the church was led by our elementary children from the Faith First Program. Before entering into the sanctuary, everyone in procession turned to the right to venerate Blessed Kateri's tomb. The recessional procession, in like manner, turned to Blessed Kateri's tomb where everyone together recited the prayers for canonization. Later, everyone was invited to a feast at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The custom of awarding the Blessed Kateri Merit Award to a person(s) for outstanding service to the Church this year was presented to our Bishop, Jacques Berthelet for his tireless efforts of promoting devotion to Blessed Kateri among his fellow Canadian Bishops, beginning with the Bishops of Quebec. Bishop Berthelet's message to the Canadian Bishops, was to promote and make better known, our First Native Saint in Canada through pilgrimages to the Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha here in Kahnawake.

Ronald Boyer, deacon
Vice-Postulator

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and the Vocation to Sanctification

We may wonder how a young girl from the Mohawk community in the 17th century found the inspiration to be consecrated to Jesus so early in her life and so early in the Christian life of her people. It would be too easy to say that the Jesuit priests around her, especially after her arrival in her new village of Kahnawake, south of Montreal in 1677, unduly influenced her. But this was not the case; according to the records we can see left by the community and their testimony. Her life became an imitation of Christ. Before her baptism in 1676, Father Jacques de Lamberville made extensive inquiries about Kateri's life and habits, with the result that all agreed that she already lived a saintly life.

In order to pursue this life of holiness following her initiation into the Catholic faith, she fled her own village to live near Montreal. As Father Bécharde has written in many of his biographical works of Blessed Kateri, her prayer was interior, a constant flow of love, examined her conscience at the end of the week, and did penance. Since she was prevented from taking religious vows as a nun, though wanting with several other young Mohawk women to become completely dedicated to Jesus, she was successful in taking a vow of virginity and preserving herself entirely for the Lord. This was initially a private vocation, her calling being in the interior of her heart at the Feast of the Annunciation in 1679. Her death the following year was a trial for her physically but a victory for her worn soul. She continued her penances until her death in 1680 at which time her body recovered its initial beauty, which had been scared during her childhood due to smallpox.

But this vocation to sanctification, where does this come from and who can it be applied to? In sacred Scripture we find this in the Old Testament in the Book of Jeremiah in which God chooses Jeremiah to be his prophet and consecrates him (Jer. 1: 9). God tells Jeremiah not to marry (Jer. 16: 2), but rather remain celibate for him and his purpose of instructing the Chosen People.

St Paul suggests strongly that if someone is not married, to remain that way since they will be able to dedicate themselves more completely to God and to his work (1 Cor. 7: 8). Perhaps Blessed Kateri heard these words during the Mass or from the teachings of the priest missionaries. In any case, in the quiet of her heart, Kateri chose to become a child of Our Lady and follow the way of the Cross of Jesus completely in dedicating her entire being to the Lord and his service. Her sense of penance was consuming and lived the remainder of her life in reparation for her sins.

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Blessed Kateri's vocation to sanctification was therefore as a layperson, not as a religious. She sets a great example for us today since we are all called to "...be holy as your Father in Heaven is holy..." (Mt 5: 48), living completely for Jesus and following his teaching. Blessed Kateri endured great trials during her short life, but was convinced of the path she was on learning and practicing holiness in her simple life.

Perhaps God calls some of us to the priesthood or religious life; could we not dedicate ourselves to follow Jesus completely in serving him right where we are as dedicated and involved laypeople as well? Can we not do the same as Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha? Let Jesus, his Blessed Mother Mary be our examples and follow this dedication in a life of sanctification.

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The Joseph Rontagarha Roll

In 1677, Joseph Rontagarha, then twenty-five years of age, came to live at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. He had already been to France and had showed himself a fairly good Christian after his return. Following a hunting expedition with Touastreskon, a Mohawk brave, member of the Holy Family Association, he became a devout church-goer. The conversations with his friend led him to a personal love of Christ. He often collected the children of the neighborhood in his longhouse and taught them the Creed and other prayers that were sung at church, much to the satisfaction of the Blackrobes.

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| 5. Mr. Claude Labre | 11. A Soul in Purgatory | |
| 6. Mr. Roger Buddy Laroche | 12. Mrs. Eva Roussel | |

PRAYING:

From the Book of Maxims by St. Isidore, bishop

Prayer purifies us, reading instructs us. Both are good when both are possible. Otherwise, prayer is better than reading. If a person wants to be always in God's company, they must pray regularly. When we pray, we talk with God; when we read, God talks to us. All spiritual growth comes from reading and reflection. By reading we learn what we did not know; by reflection we retain what we have learned.

Reading Holy Scripture confers two benefits. It trains the mind to understand them; it turns our attention from the follies of the world and leads us to the love of God

Two kinds of study are called for here. We must first learn how Scripture is to be understood, and then see how to explain their meaning with profit and in a manner worthy of them. A person must first be eager to understand what he/she is reading before being fit to proclaim what they have learned.

The conscientious reader will be more concerned to carry out what he has read than merely to acquire knowledge of it. No one can understand Holy Scripture without constant reading, according to the words: *Love her and she will exalt you. Embrace her and she will glorify you.* The more you devote yourself to a study of sacred utterances, the richer will be your understanding of them, just as the more the soil is tilled, the richer the harvest.

Some people have great mental powers but cannot be bothered with reading; what reading could have taught them is devalued by their neglect. Others have a desire to know but are hampered by their slow mental processes; yet application to reading will teach them things that the clever fail to learn through laziness.

The person who is slow to grasp things but who really tries hard is rewarded; equally he who does not cultivate his God-given intellectual ability is condemned for despising his gifts and sinning by being lazy.

When God's grace touches our innermost minds to bring understanding, his word that has been received by the ear sinks deep into the heart.

Pope Laments Abuse of Canadian Indigenous People and Affirms Desire to Build Partnership for Future

VATICAN CITY, APRIL 29, 2009 (Zenit.org). Benedict XVI is lamenting abuses by Church members against indigenous Canadian children in Residential Catholic schools, and is offering prayerful solidarity to the aboriginal peoples as they move forward.

The Pope said this today after the general audience in a meeting with representatives from the Catholic communities and aboriginal peoples of Canada, including Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Canada, and Archbishop James Weisgerber, President of the Canadian Bishops' Conference.

During the meeting, the Pontiff "listened to their stories and concerns," a Vatican press release reported. He "recalled that since the earliest days of her presence in Canada, the Church, particularly through her missionary personnel, has closely accompanied the indigenous peoples."

Acknowledging the "sufferings that some indigenous children experienced in the Canadian residential school system," the Holy Father "expressed his sorrow at the anguish caused by the deplorable conduct of some members of the Church and he offered his sympathy and prayerful solidarity."

Benedict XVI emphasized that "acts of abuse cannot be tolerated in society," and he prayed that "all those affected would experience healing." He encouraged the indigenous peoples "to continue to move forward with renewed hope."

Building Bridges

At an April 15 news conference, Archbishop Weisgerber noted: "Since the earliest European settlements in Canada five centuries ago, there has been a close association between the indigenous people and the Catholic Church." "Most of this history has been a wonderful sharing of faith and witness," he affirmed, "but there have also been moments of sorrow." The prelate explained: "Among the greatest disappointments were the former Indian Residential Schools

"Certainly, there were many examples of great dedication in the efforts at the time to provide a good education for indigenous children; this generosity and goodwill involved school staff, including men and women religious from Catholic missionary orders; elders and parents, and the children themselves.

"At the same time, there were also terrible challenges, including important cultural differences, insufficient government funding, and human failings, and worst of all instances of exploitation and cruelty. "From today's perspective, we are all very conscious of the tragic limitations of the residential schools, especially from the perspectives of family life, community values, and cultural heritage.".

Archbishop Weisgerber affirmed that the sufferings of the indigenous people are not only in the past or linked to the schools, but that Aboriginal Canadians "continue to be marginalized and impoverished." He called on all Canadians to "make new and sustained efforts to collaborate with Indigenous People in order to assure them of respect, acceptance and equality." The Prelate reported a new partnership, begun last fall, between the aboriginal peoples and the Catholic Church. "It is a most promising moment for reconciliation, bridge building, renewed partnership and new dialogue," he affirmed.

He continued: "The Pope is a bridge builder. That is the meaning of the word 'Pontiff.' "For that reason, he has invited us to visit him in Rome, in a gesture of reconciliation and healing. "By accepting this invitation, as representatives of the Catholic Church in Canada and of the First Nations we can show and celebrate our mutual determination for a renewed partnership and a new beginning."

The first residential schools were founded in the 1840s, with the purpose of assimilating the children into European-Canadian society. Indigenous families were required, under penalty of imprisonment, to send their children to live at the schools from ages six to 15. Funded by the federal government, the schools were run by various religious denominations and congregations, approximately 60% of them Catholic. Reports emerged of overcrowding, poor sanitation, and physical and sexual abuse, and schools began to close.

Accusations of forced assimilation and "cultural genocide" led to a public apology by Prime Minister Stephen Harper last June to a representation of the approximately 80,000 living former students of the system which sought to "kill the Indian in the child."

To have Faith

What is Faith? Every time we participate in Holy Mass, we recite our Profession of Faith, we believe in God. Often, our faith is not in God, but in ourselves, in mankind as a whole. Often I meet people who say they have faith in God. Yet, they consult people claiming to be able to predict the future, (palm readers or fortune tellers). Do they really have faith in God?

Jesus says, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would be able to do many things that seem impossible. If I really have faith, I would believe in things that do exist, although I do not see. Often, in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, I think that I can solve all my problems alone. Does that mean I have faith in God? I had experiences recently, of persons who have professed their faith, without saying, "I have faith." Their words and actions demonstrated that they do have faith. I have been working in Kahnawake for almost six years. During that time many parishioners have shown their faith in their last days. I recall a friend Marie, who, expecting the first snowfall which came along with her departure to eternal life with the Lord. As a gift to all of us who were with her in life, God gave us the grace to see in the middle of a snowstorm, a sunny afternoon before Marie's last time outdoors. This gift from God was that the sunshine reflecting in the tree branches, like stars in the middle of the afternoon.

Another experience I had with Henry, a few days before his departure to eternal life. Visiting him at home, he told me, "What is for me, is the Lord is waiting for me." "He commented, "Look Father, right here in this armchair in front of a picture of Our Lady, I say my prayers, and I know she intercedes to God for me, and consequently, I am ready."

I think of these experiences, realizing that to have faith, it is necessary to have full trust and deliverance. The Lord is the only one who can give what we need, and know what we wish. We must pay attention to the analogy of Faith, that is, coherence of the truth of faith among ourselves, the Revelation on Plan as a whole. Marie and Henry had faith in the promise of eternal life that God gave them. Many of our brothers and sisters had the same experience, having reached eternal life also. We shouldn't forget, Faith is a personal act. When I pray, I always include the entire community. Faith is one. Holy Scripture says, "Show me your faith and I will show you my deeds." What I have written is a few of my poor thoughts. There is more that I wish to express. I ask all you readers; "Do you have Faith in God?" I will continue more in the near future.

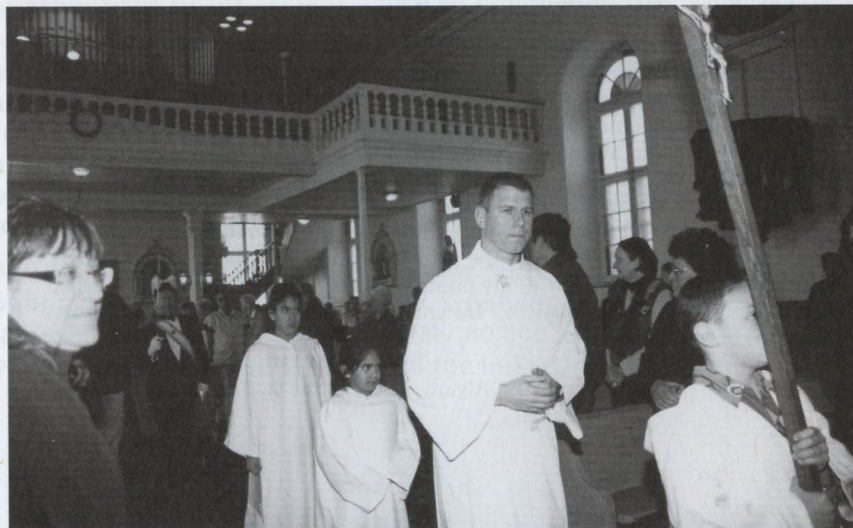
Fr. Alvaro, *Pastor of the St. Francis Xavier Mission*

Pictures of Kateri's Mass

By Anne Scheuerman



Blessed Kateri's Feast Day Mass Grand Entry



Led by Seminarian Fr. Brad Sweet, Grand Seminary of Montréal

Pictures of Kateri's Mass

By Anne Scheuerman



Grand Entry, Pastor Fr. Alvaro Salazar and Bishop Jacques Berthelet



Bishop Jacques Berthelet celerant at Mass of Blessed Kateri

Pictures of Kateri's Mass

By Anne Scheuerman



+ Jacques Berthelet presenting Homily in honor of Blessed Kateri



"Faith First" children reciting Lord's Prayer in Mohawk

Pictures of Kateri's Mass

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"Faith First" children and volunteer instructors



Deacon Ron presenting the "Kateri Award" to Bishop Berthelet

Testimonies of favors obtained

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. S.G.!

Enclosed is a check for my subscription and favor obtained through Kateri's intercession. You may use the money as you see fit. I live in Las Vegas where the real estate market is a disaster. I had a house for rent that was just sitting there after four months. My grandmother was a firm believer in Kateri and I decided to give it a try despite my scepticism in all things religious. I had a picture of my now departed grand-ma with Kateri's prayer on it. So on a Thursday night I started asking for some help. Well the following afternoon I drove by the house and saw people going in to visit. I was a bit stunned to say the least. Already? I went to work that evening and while I was having dinner at the cafeteria I got a phone call from a friend whose mother is a real estate agent. She told me that her mom had brought some people to see my house in the afternoon (the people I saw going in) and that they were going to put in their application for it! A week later it turned out that those people did not rent the house but unbeknownst to me was another application that had been submitted at the same time and today the lease has been signed. All it really took was one night of prayer... (Las Vegas, NV)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.S.!

...I am sending twenty dollars. Fifteen dollars for some books and five dollars to say thanks to Kateri for getting my daughter a job.. (Val D'Amour, NB)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B.A.!

The enclosed check is in thanksgiving for Kateri's help in finding lost articles. I have some special requests and pray that Kateri will help my prayers to be answered. Kateri holds a special place in my heart and I pray she will soon be known as Saint Kateri. My husband who passed away also had a special devotion to her. Please remember him in your prayers. (Grand Rapids, MI)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.A.!

I want to thank Kateri for a favor granted, that property be allowed to be zoned commercial. (Lafayette, LA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.A.!

Again, and happily, I am acknowledging the powerful intercession of Blessed Kateri. I have entrusted many petitions to Kateri and the Lord has blessed me and my family with favorable results. Most of my petitions were health related. Enclosed is a check of gratitude in hopes of helping the cause of her Sainthood. I am currently saying a novena through Kateri for another health issue. Please pray for me. (St. Marys, PA)

Testimonies of favors obtained (follow)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. K.K.!

Thanks for medical procedure.

(Cleveland, OH)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.M.!

Enclosed is a cheque for twenty-five dollars. Kateri has answered my prayers. I had a lot of tension and worry. I feel much better now. Thank you.

(Larder Lake, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.B.!

Find enclosed a check for subscriptions for my friends and for a favor granted that promoted a change in lifestyle. Kateri granted my request and also taught me a valuable lesson. I thank her from the bottom of my heart. She always has my best interests at heart.

(Kersey, PA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. P.G.!

In the nineties my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer four times. I prayed to Blessed Kateri and my mother survived. Presently, my mother is recovering from a valve replacement surgery. At first they didn't think she would survive. Now she is recovering slowly in a rehab center. I have just been diagnosed with cancer and there is no cure, only treatments. We both need a miracle from Kateri.

(Delran, NJ)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. G.T.!

Sometime ago I asked Kateri for a healing favor. I am now sending a two hundred dollar donation for that favor. Please keep me in your prayers. Thank you.

(Willoughby, OH)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.L.!

Enclosed is a cheque for twenty dollars, a donation to Kateri. I prayed to Kateri that my niece be accepted at the University of BC and she was. I am very thankful to Kateri.

(Grand Marais, MB)





The Catherine Ganneaktena Roll

Catherine Ganneaktena, an Erie Indian, was the co-founder of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. Captured and inducted into the Oneida nation in 1656, she later married a Christian Huron, Francis Xavier Tonsahoten. In 1667, she and her husband were invited to settle down at la Prairie, an invitation that they gratefully accepted. On November 6, 1673, Catherine died, and her spiritual director, Fr. Frémin, affirmed that she had always preserved her baptismal innocence.

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