



# The Pilgrim

Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



## 2007 Calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### OCTOBER

- Sat, Oct. 6 3rd Annual Shrine Gala, Egan-Paret Memorial Visitor Center, 5 pm
- Wed, Oct. 10 Respect for Life Mass
- Sat., Oct. 13 Rosary for Peace, at 11:30 am in the Coliseum
- Sun., Oct. 14 Marian Day, Coliseum, close w/4pm Mass
- Sun., Oct. 21 Feast of the North American Martyrs Celebration
- Thur., Oct. 21 Closing Mass of the 2007 Shrine
- Thur., Oct. 25 Mini-Retreat, 10-2 pm

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Shrine of Our Lady Of Martyrs is a place of natural beauty and spiritual renewal. We are dedicated to the memory of the martyred Jesuits and Blessed Indian maiden who sanctified this hallowed place. Through the example of the Missionaries' courageous faith, which provides the bedrock of our devotions here, we strive to strengthen the faith of all who visit us. We will always be guided by our dedicated predecessors and our loving Father, so that these historic grounds may be a place of peace, love, prayer, and reconciliation, where each and every pilgrim may be welcomed with joy, and may leave here with a soul refreshed and renewed.

## Shrine News

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### The Votary & Welcome Room

by Tom Ralph

During the last half of 2006, it was determined that the old Gatehouse that sat near the main entrance to the Shrine was unsafe and needed to be replaced. It was razed over the winter and plans were put in place to build a combination Votary and Welcome Room. In the spring of 2007, the new foundation was poured and work began on the new building. Despite many changes requested by me, it is now completed.

What is a Votary you ask? Votary comes from Latin votum, "vow," from the past participle of *vovere*, "to vow, to devote;" originally a vow, hence a prayer or ardent wish.

Our votary then, gives everyone the opportunity to light a live candle, kneel and offer a prayer or provide an ardent wish in a more private locale to someone whose prayers are needed, or for the remembrance of a loved one, or for one's own needs.

The candles can be obtained during most of the days the Shrine is open, at the Welcome Room, which is attached to the Votary. When a priest is present in the Welcome Room, confessions may also be heard or just stop by for directions or a friendly chat. It's a good place to start your tour of the Shrine campus.

A great deal of thanks goes to Bruce Hilt, Manny Herbert, and Tom Oare who did the bulk of the work bringing this building to life. Many hours of their time went into making this building a haven of peace for our Pilgrims.

You may find pictures of the new Votary elsewhere in this issue of the Pilgrim and when you visit I'm sure you'll agree with us that this is another wonderful addition the Shrine's "Renaissance".

### All You Could Ever Need

A man was lost in the desert and was near death for lack of water. Soon he came across a pump with a bucket hung on the handle and a note. The note read as follows: "Below, you will find all the fresh water you could ever need, and the bucket contains exactly enough water to fill the pump to start working." It takes GREAT FAITH to pour out the whole content of the bucket for a promise of unlimited water.

What would we do? Jesus demands such faith!

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**SHRINE SEASON:**  
April 28-Oct 21, 2007

### MASSES

- **Sun.:** 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., & 4:00 p.m.
- **Sat. & Daily:** 11:30 a.m., & 4:00 p.m

### CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASSES

- **Sun. & Sat.:** 30 min
- **Daily:** 15 min

### DEVOTIONS

- **Adoration:**  
**Wed.:** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
(*Kateri Chapel*)
- **Benediction:**  
**Sun. & Feasts:** 3:30 p.m.
- **Blessing with Relics**  
(*of the Martyrs and Blessed Kateri*):  
**Mon. - Sat.:** 3:45 p.m.
- *Stations of the Cross and Rosary available for private devotion.*

### NOVENAS

9 Days of Masses, see front cover for next novena.

### VISITOR'S CENTER

and Expanded Gift Shop Hours:  
 • **Sun. - Fri.:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 • **Sat.:** 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### MARTYRS MEMORIAL CENTER AND MUSEUM:

Mon. - Fri.: 12 - 5 pm  
 Sat. - Sun.: 10:30am-5:30 pm

### GUIDED TOURS

Call Shrine Office to reserve a time for tours.

### MORE INFORMATION?

- [www.MartyrShrine.org](http://www.MartyrShrine.org).
- Fran Ralph, Administrative Coordinator 518-853-3033 x 221

## Find it at the Shrine: Part 15

We hope it will give you a better understanding of what is here and what its significance is, if you don't already know. It is being prepared by Dorothy Domkowski, a loyal supporter of the Shrine and a member of the Shrine Council.

We hope you will enjoy the series and find it beneficial for your visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs.



### *Find it at the Shrine*

The three crosses with the names of the Auriesville Martyrs emblazoned on them stand out in welcome to all visitors. Erected in 1961, these crosses serve as the third gateway entrance to the Shrine. Pilgrims enter the Shrine domain to discover paths flanked by historic buildings, structures, statues, lawns, and colorful flowerbeds. These are foretaste of some of the beauty of Auriesville.

### *Find it at the Shrine*

A lovely white, cara marble statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha stands near the Martyrs Memorial Museum. Beside her are two Native American children. Kateri, the "Lily of the Mohawks," was born in 1656 of an Algonquin mother and Mohawk father in Osserneron, the village that formerly stood here.



## Stewardship Offerings

Weekend of 9/29 - 9/30  
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**Thank you for your generosity!**

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## Marian Day of Prayer

On Sunday, October 14th, our Marian Day of Prayer will begin at 1:30pm with a rosary procession, carrying the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. If weather permits, the procession will be outside, but in any event, it will begin and end in the Coliseum. Fr. Leo Fisher, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal from New York City, will give a talk and the postulants that he brings will be giving testimonies. Benediction will be at 3:30pm and Mass will follow at 4pm. There will be an opportunity to venerate relics, including a first class relic of Padre Pio & relics from the oak tree where Our Lady of Fatima appeared.

## Rosary for Peace

Following the exhortation of Our Lady of Fatima, there will be a special Mass on Saturday, October 13th at 11:30am in the Coliseum of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, after which will be devotional hymns to Our Lady and the recitation of the rosary. All are invited to participate in this devotion prompted by the National Rosary Crusade.

## Mini-Retreat

Thursday, October 25th a mini-retreat will be offered at the Kateri Chapel on the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs from 10 am - 2 pm. This day of prayer includes inspirational talks, uplifting music, celebration of Mass, potluck lunch. All are welcome. For more information about topic, speakers, etc., please call Fr. Bob McGuire at 853-3033 x 233. Please note that starting in November, these mini-retreats will be held on the third Saturday of the month at the Visitor Center.

## Shrine Season Finale

Sunday, October 21st is the final day of the 2007 Shrine Season. This date is the celebration of the Feast of the North American Martyrs.

## Growing our Faith

We must cultivate our faith through prayer, study, and a well-disciplined spiritual life. Faith is the gift of God—so we must pray that God will increase our faith. Time spent with God in prayer is fundamental to the development of faith. We must pray for a faith that is strong enough to overcome the difficulties and crises we face daily. Association with people of faith builds faith. Hence our participation in the Holy Mass ("the mystery of faith") and life of the church is important. Because of the Eucharistic meal on the altar and the sacramental graces at our disposal, we find that we are not unprofitable servants, but instruments and agents of the Lord Who, through the power of divine love, helps us to reap a harvest worthy of Him. Sacred scriptures inform and correct our faith. Without the guidance of the scriptures, our faith tends to be weak. We grow in faith as we act in faith. Every gift of God is strengthened by the exercise of it.

## An Anecdote:

### "Is Anyone Else Up There?"

The story is told of a man who fell off a mountain cliff. Half-way down the cliff he succeeded in grabbing the branch of a tree. There he was, dangling on the branch, unable to pull himself up yet knowing that letting go of the branch he would definitely fall to his death. Suddenly the man got an idea. He looked up to heaven and shouted, "Is anyone up there?" A voice came from heaven, "Yes, I am here. I am the Lord. Do you believe in me?" The man shouted back, "Yes, Lord, I believe in you. I really believe. Please help me." The Lord says, "All right! If you really believe in me you have nothing to worry about. I will save you. Now let go of the branch." The man thinks about it for a moment and then shouts back, "Is anyone else up there?"

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## Saints of October: a two-part series.

By Fr. Peter Murray, S.J.

Probably the best --known of all the saints and martyrs of October is **Francis of Assisi**. This saint was born in 1182, in Assisi, Italy. He was son of a rich and powerful merchant, but after a carefree and even reckless youth, Francis renounced his paternal wealth and committed himself to the Lord. He stripped himself of almost all worldly goods --living a life of evangelical poverty, and preaching the love of God to all. He set up a rule which a number of his companions followed; and which gained the approval of the Holy See. Francis died in 1226, after receiving the "Stigmata" or wounds of Christ and enduring many severe penances.

Another great saint for this month is **Therese the "Little Flower."** She was born in Alencon, France, in 1872. While still a rather young girl, Therese entered the Carmelite monastery in Lisieux. There she lived a life of humility, trust in God and evangelical simplicity. By word and by example, she taught these virtues to the Novices (and others) within her Carmelite community. She suffered many penances, offering her life for the salvation of souls, and the growth of the Church. She died on September 30th, 1897--(at the tender age of 24)! She was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

Less well-known but important as a Saint of the early Jesuit calendar was **Francis Borgia** (1510-1572). Francis was born in Valencia, Spain, the oldest son of the third Duke of Gandia. He inherited wealth and much fame, and was married to a Portuguese noblewoman in 1529. But he underwent a conversion when seeing the dead body of the famed Empress Isabella of Spain; and after that, Francis dedicated himself to living a more devout spiritual life. When his wife Eleanor died in May of 1546, Francis took the first steps to carry forward his newly-found desire to become a Jesuit. He wrote to Fr. Ignatius in Rome and was counseled to continue to live as befit his noble rank, but to secretly study Theology and prepare for later entrance into his beloved Society of Jesus. He did so and, later, in 1548 secretly pronounced his first vows as a Jesuit. After a time (in 1551) he was ordained a priest, and later, was named by Ignatius Commissary General in Spain. In time he founded some 20 colleges and the first Novitiate in Spain at Simancas. His administrative gifts and wisdom were known by all.

The death of Ignatius in 1556 brought one Fr. Laynez into high rank--as Superior General. When he died on Jan. 19, 1565, Borgia was elected Superior General (he was only the 3rd General of the Order.) He revised the Society's Rules, oversaw its expansion, and promoted many foreign missions. Borgia died in 1572; and was canonized by Pope Urban VIII on Nov. 23, 1624.

Borgia's feast is celebrated on October 3rd; the day for Therese of Lisieux is Oct 1st; and the feast for Francis of Assisi (a day when many churches bless animals!) is on Oct. 4th.

We will have other October saints and martyrs to write about in a later issue of The Pilgrim!

## St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) Feastday: Oct. 4th

Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally--not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a mite of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer--lengthy and difficult--led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up every material thing he had, piling even his

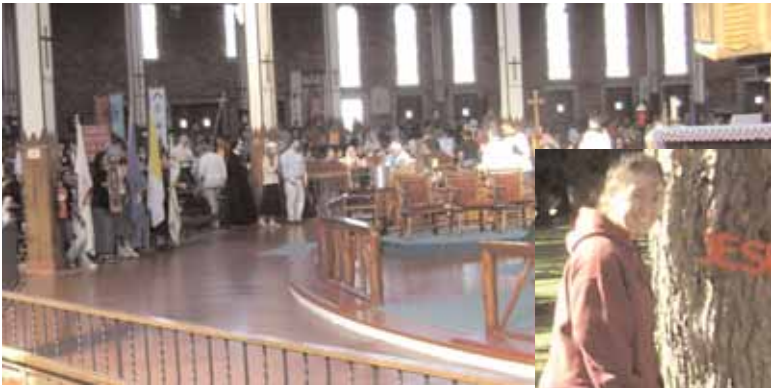
clothes before his earthly father (who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor) so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious "nut," begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, bringing sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff."

Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no idea of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity. He was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases.

During the last years of his relatively short life (he died at 44) he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. On his deathbed, he said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior to have his clothes removed when the last hour came and for permission to expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

**Comment:** Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He loved nature because it was another manifestation of the beauty of God. He did great penance (apologizing to "Brother Body" later in life) that he might be totally disciplined for the will of God. His poverty had a sister, humility, by which he meant total dependence on the good God. But all this was, as it were, preliminary to the heart of his spirituality: living the gospel life, summed up in the charity of Jesus and perfectly expressed in the Eucharist.



**New Votary!**



## Special Moments at the Shrine

**Top Left:** NCCL Pilgrimage

**Middle:** Putting Jesus back on the trees

**Top Right:** Putting Jesus back on the trees

**Bottom Right:** Completed Votary and Welcome Office

**Bottom Left:** Inside of Votary

## Lectors Schedule

**Saturday, October 6**

4 p.m. Don W.

**Sunday, October 7**

9 a.m. Tom F.

10:30 a.m. Tom R.

12:30 p.m. Phil V.

4 p.m. Ken M.

**Saturday, October 13**

4 p.m. Ann F.

**Sunday, October 14**

9 a.m. Fran R.

10:30 a.m. Anna B.

12:30 p.m. Cathy O.

4 p.m. Marion S.

**Saturday, October 20**

4 p.m. Ambrose H.

**Sunday, October 21**

9 a.m. Tony N.

10:30 a.m. Don W.

12:30 p.m. Audrey D.

4 p.m. Ken M.

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## Septemberfest Winners Announced

On September 1st, we started drawing the names of those folks who entered our annual Septemberfest Fundraiser. The winners so far are listed below. The final drawing of \$1000.00 drawn the night of the Shrine's 3rd annual Gala on October 6th and will be announced in next weeks Pilgrim.

### The winners are:

- September 1st Ed Franco, Gloversville, NY
- September 2nd Anonymous (Donated back to the Shrine)
- September 3rd Theresa Gleason, Bound Brook, NJ
- September 4th Mrs. Nancy Egert, Millbury, OH
- September 5th Fred & Virginia Rothenberg, Utica, NY
- September 6th Mrs. A. Bursi, Schenectady, NY
- September 7th Mary Guzior, Amsterdam, NY
- September 8th Rita Connolly, Bergenfield, NJ
- September 9th Marge Ahlquist, Downers Grove, IL
- September 10th Ms. Grace Franze, Glenmont, NY
- September 11th Mr. /Mrs. Galvin, New York, NY
- September 12th Gloria Denton, Fultonville, NY
- September 13th Theresa Gleason, Bound Brook, NJ

- September 14th Mrs. N. DiLeva, Schenectady, NY
- September 15th Louis Farrell, Syracuse, NY
- September 16th Laura Peyton, Loudonville, NY
- September 17th Mary A. Guzior, Amsterdam, NY
- September 18th Mr. & Mrs. Francis Kusnier, Utica, NY
- September 19th Carol Hoover, Johnstown, NY
- September 20th Jim & Hari Cutler, Loudonville, NY
- September 21st Kevin & Kathleen Weidling, Washington Crossing, PA
- September 22nd Mrs. Margaret E. Brazell, Scotia, NY
- September 23rd Carol Hoover, Johnstown, NY
- September 24th Edward Duffy, Johnstown, NY
- September 25th Mariann Losasso, Amsterdam, NY
- September 26th Mrs. Leo Gozalkowski, Black River, NY
- September 27th Bill Terry, Amsterdam, NY
- September 28th Robert Blinsinger, Amsterdam, NY
- September 29th Betty Gugenberger, Gloversville, NY

Congratulations to all of you! Our sincere thanks for supporting the many projects being undertaken during the Shrine's "Renaissance".

## The Parable of the Mustard Seed

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed..." Faith is used here in three senses.

First, faith means "trust." People "have faith in their banks" because their accounts are insured. Similarly, we must put our trust in the authority of God and in the truth of His doctrines. St. Paul defines faith as confidence and certainty (Hebrews 11:1).

Second, faith refers to assent to doctrines about God taught by Jesus and the Church, e.g., our belief in the truths listed in the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed.

Third, faith refers to a "bond" or "relationship" with God. Jesus tells us that if

we have even a small relationship with our heavenly Father, we can do anything. No matter how weak it seems, faith is an overwhelming power. Even a little faith can direct our lives, comfort us when we are discouraged and challenge us when we are complacent.

## True Faith

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you" (Luke 17:6).

Planting a tree in the sea using words alone sounds impossible and ridiculous to us. By the use of this cartoon metaphor, however, Jesus challenges us to attempt the difficult things of life. The tree Jesus mentions is a variety of large, deeply rooted mulberry tree that grows in the Middle East. By this strange example, Jesus shows us that we too can perform miracles. We must be ready to attempt things that the worldly, the wise and the sophisticated laugh at. Let us thank God for those who take up the challenge, those who are prepared to take a risk for the sake of Christ Jesus, thus inspiring the rest of us.

### Here are two examples:

1) A middle-aged mother went back to complete her teacher training. She specialized in helping children with learning difficulties. In a large school, she worked with a class of what others called "the retarded." Because she had actually asked for this difficult class, some teachers treated her as though she were insane. Wasn't this truly "planting trees in the sea?"

2) A priest in Africa deliberately committed a small crime in order to get himself put in a prison where he could minister to those who needed him most. He was "planting a tree in the sea!" He had true faith!

### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, Ps 95:1-2, 6-9, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17:5-10

**Monday:** Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11, Jonah 2:3-5, 8, Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jonah 3:1-10, Psalm 130:1-4, 7-8, Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jonah 4:1-11, Psalm 86:3-6, 9-10, Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Malachi 3:13-20, Psalm 1:1-4, 6, Luke 11:5-13

**Friday:** St. Seraphin of Montegranaro, Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2, Psalm 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9, Luke 11:15-263

**Saturday:** Joel 4:12-21, Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Luke 11:27-28

# Egan-Paret Plaque

## In Memory

### Quotable Quotes

Do not condemn, even with your eyes, for they are often deceived. ~St. John Climacus

To love God is something greater than to know Him. ~St. Thomas Aquinas

It is by humility that the Lord allows Himself to be conquered, so that He will do all we ask of Him. ~St. Teresa of Avila

What a weakness it is to love Jesus Christ only when He Caresses us, and to be cold immediately once He afflicts us. This is not true love. Those who love thus, love themselves too much to love God with all their heart. ~St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

My Jesus, how good it is to love you! Let me be like your disciples on Mount Tabor, seeing nothing else but you, my Savior. Let us be as two friends, neither of whom can bear to offend the other. Amen. ~St. John Vianney

Be assured that abuses are done away with by teaching rather than by commanding. If we make threats, let it be done sorrowfully, in the words of Scripture, and in terms of the world to come. In this way it is not we who are feared because of our power, but God because of our words. ~St Augustine

Under the influence of fear, we bear the Cross of Christ with patience. Under the more inspiring influence of hope, we carry the Cross with a firm and valiant heart. But under the consuming power of love, we embrace the Cross with ardor. ~St Bernard

As the result of sin, the virtues have become painful to us; we shrink from them because they mean humiliation and suffering. "You do not want to be humiliated?" Humiliation is an honor, suffering a joy, because Jesus Christ has placed in them true honor and true joy. ~St Peter Emyard

Do not condemn, even with your eyes, for they are often deceived. ~St. John Climacus

### Egan-Paret Visitor Center Plaque

In conjunction with the dedication of the Egan-Paret Visitor Center which took place on Saturday, September 22, 2007, we are pleased to **provide a unique opportunity for Friends of the Shrine, Pilgrims, and Benefactors, to inscribe the remembrance of a loved one in a most special way.** There is a large plaque prominently displayed on the same wall as the portraits of Father Egan and Father Paret.

This plaque is the most visible of all the plaques currently on display on the Shrine grounds! And that is simply because it is in full view upon entering the Visitor Center building, which is located next to the main parking lot, across from the primary entrance to the Shrine.

Unfortunately there are only a limited number of inscriptions that are available to be placed on this plaque of honor. Once they are filled, this drive will be over. But for those lucky enough to have the names of loved ones inscribed, they will be viewed by pilgrims for many, many years to come. And like all Shrine donors and those they choose to have remembered, they will be prayed for as long as the Shrine stands. Inscriptions are available for donations of \$300 and placement will be secured at the time payment is received, until all spaces are filled. We hope that you will choose to be a part of this extraordinary commemoration.

*Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs ~ Egan-Paret Visitor Center ~ Memorial Plaque*

I/We would like to have an inscription placed on the plaque which is prominently displayed in the foyer entrance of the Egan-Paret Visitor Center in support of the Shrine.

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The inscription may have one, two, or three lines, but less lines mean larger font size; maximum of 28 spaces or letters per line. Each plaque inscription is \$300, which must be included with this order. Please make checks payable to: **Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs.** Donors and their intentions will be remembered in prayer.

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