

# August 18, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



## Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road

Charleston, South Carolina 29412

### Mission Statement

We strive to be a faith-centered, Catholic community. By virtue of Baptism, we are called forth to minister to one another the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through education, evangelization, social justice and ecumenism. We reach out in love, respect and support for all as we seek to do the will of God.

### Mass Schedule This Week

Mon. through Fri. 11:30 am Mass

Thurs. 9:30 am School Mass

All are welcome and invited to attend the School Mass. Attendees who are not affiliated with Nativity School are requested to please sit toward the back of the church and away from the students.

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass 9:00 am and 11:30 am

### Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 12:00 noon

### Weekday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church

Mon. through Fri. 12:00 noon

### Church is open Daily for Private Prayer and Devotion

Weekdays: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15 to 5:00 pm and by appointment

### Office Hours This Week

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

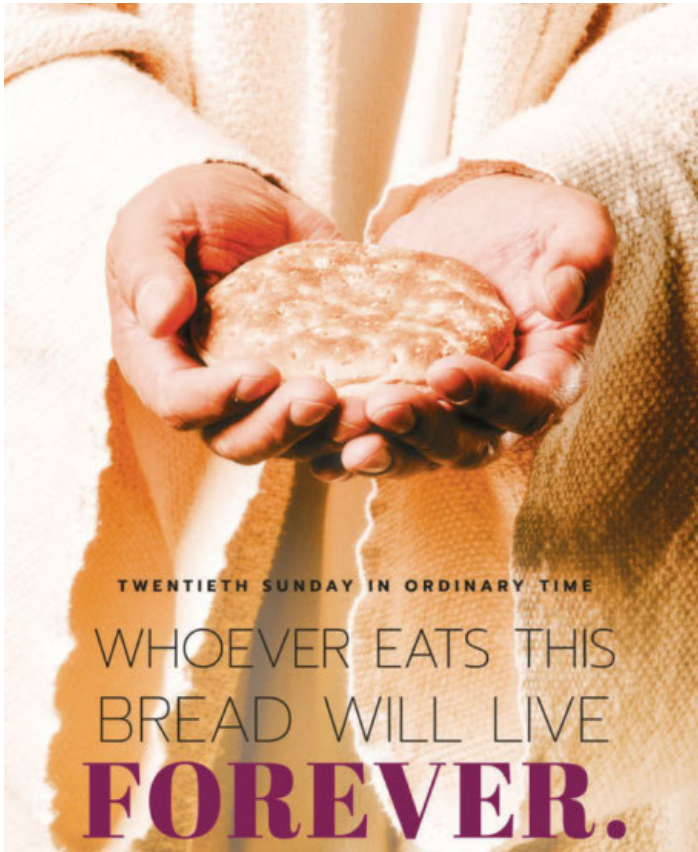
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*Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.*

...Today's Psalm PS 34



### Encounter the Eucharist

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, I do. But if I may ask you," he continued, "Where do you experience Jesus' body and blood?" His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, "I don't. I just believe in him. That's all that is needed." Later my priest friend would relate to me, "The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus' body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost."

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the "bread of life come down from heaven." Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That's why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus' body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church's treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

...Father John Muir

## THINGS TO KNOW

### Nursery

For children ages 6 wks to 4 yrs. old during the Sunday 9 AM Mass. It is located on the right side of the school's breezeway entrance. \*Temporarily closed due to site renovations.\*

### Religious Education Programs

Nativity School serves students in grades K4 through 8. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children (K4-Gr 8), enrolled in non-parochial schools. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

### Safe Environments Training for Volunteers

All volunteers who minister in programs involving children at Nativity Parish or School are required to complete prevention education and a background check. To initiate the process and volunteer, please contact the Parish Office Administrator.

### Baptism

To schedule a Baptism preparation class, a parent should be an active parishioner. Godparents for Baptism must be active parishioners of Nativity or another Catholic parish. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

### Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation

These sacraments require a 2-year preparation period. To receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, children must have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program; to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade children must have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed marriage date. For inquiry, contact the Parish Office.

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

This pastoral ministry provides compassionate presence, prayer, and sacraments to parishioners confined to their home, hospital, or nursing home. It includes Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick and Eucharistic Ministers who bring Holy Communion. To arrange a pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is received by those suffering from a potentially life-threatening illness, those planning to have serious surgery, and those in advanced years. Please do not wait until the 'last minute' to request the sacrament; contact the Parish Office.

### Alpha

"Alpha" is a time to connect in a small group with others who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Weekly sessions include sharing a meal, a brief video on an element of the Christian faith, and an opportunity for sharing individual thoughts and questions. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For information, please visit [www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha](http://www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha). **Online option available.**

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA meets in a small group and online to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. For information, please contact Vicki Vázquez, 843-813-4238.

### FORMED.org

FORMED is an online resource for our parishioners to access video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. An email is needed to access FORMED.org; no password is required.

## STAFF

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843-856-0748, 800-921-8122

### Note from the Finance Council

You can provide for the needs of future generations of Catholics by remembering Nativity in your will. You may also choose to make a gift through a charitable trust or an annuity. For more information about joining the newly established Catholic Heritage Society or to learn more about legacy gifts, please contact Carrie Mummert: 843-261-0435, [cmummert@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:cmummert@charlestdiocese.org).

*All inquiries are handled in confidence.*

### An Active Parishioner

- is registered with the parish for at least 3 months,
- attends liturgies weekly
- makes regular and identifiable contributions by using parish envelopes or myEoffering.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family on inactive status.

### Please be an active parishioner

### New to Our Community?



To register in our parish, please complete a "new parishioner form" from [www.nativitycharleston.org](http://www.nativitycharleston.org) or collect a form from the church

foyer. You can also scan this QR code for the same form here. You may email, mail, or drop off the form to the church office anytime, and please contact us for more information.

**Please consider joining our parish!**





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### Liturgical Ministers for Aug 24 — Aug 258

Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled.

**5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass**  
**Greeters:** Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley,  
Tom & Marcia McNamee  
**Altar Servers:** Rosalie Felix, Liam Manning  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,  
Wendy Bergstrom, Eileen Easler,  
John Warren  
**Lector:** Eileen Easler  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,  
Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Bolchoz Family, Becky Warriner  
**Altar Servers:** Eliza Cellars, Liam Manning,  
Jacob Perry  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jimmy Craven, Judy Daugomah,  
Kathy Murphy, Becky Warriner,  
Gary Warriner  
**Lector:** Elena Smith  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,  
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Shiela Griner, Natalie Zanolli  
**Altar Servers:** Alena Novak, Kenji Tran, Megumi Tran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Curry, David Knab,  
Maier Runyon, Scott Runyon, Phu Tran,  
David Knab  
**Lector:** Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn,  
Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

### Offerings July 22 — Aug 4

Collections at Mass (Jul 27—Jul 28)	\$ 9,102.00
Collections at Mass (Aug 3—Aug 4)	\$ 12,937.00
Collections at Mass (Aug 10—Aug 11)	\$ 10,614.00
Mail in Offerings (Jul 22—Aug 9)	\$ 6,724.00
myEoffering (Jul 22—Aug 9)	\$ 12,968.76
Budget (3 weeks)	\$ 50,942.31
Difference	\$ + 1,403.45
Registered Households	690
Envelopes Used (Jul 27—Jul 28)	156
Envelopes Used (Aug 3—Aug 4)	169
Envelopes Used (Aug 10—Aug 11)	141
Active myEoffering Families	182
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 27—Jul 26)	118
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 29—Aug 2)	110
MyEoffering Family Donations (Aug 10—Aug 9)	117

**Thank you for your Generosity.**

**Offerings for Disaster Assistance: \$1,199.00**

**Please use your envelopes.**

If you need envelopes, please contact the parish office at 843 795-3821

If you do not use envelopes or you are unable to attend Mass, please consider contributing to the needs of the parish.



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with your current credit card expiration date.**

For more information, please contact the parish office.

### Let Us Pray

**For members of our community who have requested our prayers.**

**We pray for:** Beverly Blevins, Leslie Boyer, Phyllis Cafiero, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed & Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Kathy Fowler, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Glenna Kornahrens, Tommy Lavelle, Mariano LaVia, Delores Lopez, Ruthie Mallard, Paul Madden, Katherine & William Manning, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Terry Parsons, Brenda Pearson, Ed Pop, Louis Richter, James Romero, Fran Taylor, Barbara Wade, Jerry Wade, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

**For the people of the Church of Nativity.**

**For unity amongst Christians.**

*To have someone added or removed from this prayer list, please contact the parish office administrator.*

### Intentions

#### Mass: This Week

Sa., Aug. 17	5:30 pm	Richard McKinney†
Su., Aug. 18	9:00 am	Chris Fisher†
	11:30 am	Stephano Khong†
Mo., Aug. 19	11:30 am	Fr. Thomas Kingsley
Tu., Aug. 20	11:30 am	Leslie McDermott†
We., Aug. 21	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett†
Th., Aug. 22	11:30 am	Erlene T. Riggs†
Fr., Aug. 23	11:30 am	Alice Hermann†
Sa., Aug. 24	5:30 pm	Richard McKinney†
Su., Aug. 25	9:00 am	73 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Esther & Walter Machowski
	11:30 am	Marianna Egan†

Envelopes for Sanctuary Candle and Mass Intentions are at the church entrances. Please place them in the collection basket and include your phone or email in case of date changes or unavailability. Thank you!

**Intention requests may be made only  
up to 3 months in advance.**



## Nativity School—dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students.

Do you dream of a school where each child is accepted, included, and valued? Are you looking for a school that stands as the model of academic excellence, moral ideals, and spirituality? Have you searched for a values-based education in the Catholic tradition?

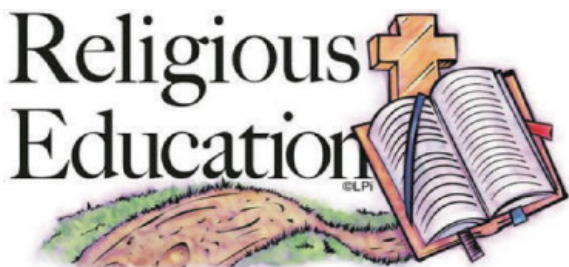
**Look no further!**



**Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance for grades K4 through 8 for the 24–25 School Year.**

To learn more about Enrollment please visit our website at [www.nativity-school.com](http://www.nativity-school.com) or our FaceBook page at [www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights](http://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights). or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

**The Fall Semester Began Last Week. Please pray for our Students**



## Catechists Needed!

LOVE YOUR FAITH?  
SHARE IT!

### Nativity Parish School of Religion

PSR is offered for parish children, grades K4 through 8, enrolled in non-parochial schools. Nativity PSR is accepting applications for the 24–25 School Year.

Registration packets are available at the church entrances and online at <https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/>

For more information. please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 4.

**Classes Begin Sunday September 8**

**Late Enrollment Fees now Apply**

**Sign Up Now!**

Specifically, we need more catechists in order to be able to offer the Nativity Parish School of Religion for the 2024-2025 school year. We need class teachers, substitute teachers and class assistants.

All of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives and friends.

If you love your faith and would be willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please call Mary Smith at 795-3821 ext 4.





Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

## So what is OCIA anyway?

Well, **RCIA** is no more! This program has been rebranded as **OCIA**, **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**. **OCIA** is a series of lessons aimed at explaining to adults what it means to be Catholic.

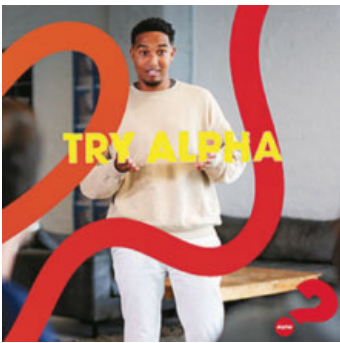
This program offers an opportunity to come together in a welcoming and accepting setting. Participants are encouraged to engage in the process with their questions, their insights, and their faith story.

Individual Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church. While most converts enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, the structure acknowledges that converts could be baptized or welcomed into the Church at any point in the year, or even taking multiple years before making their final decision.

The **OCIA** classes are held from 10:00 am to 11:15 am on Sunday morning in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room.

**This year's program begins Sunday, August 25**  
**With a "Meet and Greet" Event in the Nativity Parish Life Center Meeting Room.**  
**Seekers of the Catholic Faith are welcome to attend.**

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at [OCIA@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:OCIA@NativityCharleston.org) or at 843-813-0615.



## We're all searching for more.

**What is the point of life?**

**Why is there suffering in the world?**

**What happens when we die?**

**Is forgiveness possible?**

### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha provides a relaxed setting for connecting with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning.

Alpha is an 11 week program.

Alpha is fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured

### Alpha's Three Main Elements:



**Good Food**



**Alpha Talk**



**Discussion**

### How does it work?

Each Alpha session begins with food, followed by a short video that explores a different aspect of the Christian faith. After that, there is a time for discussion in a friendly small group.

### Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those who have given up on church
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- Those who are new to the Christian faith
- Those wanting to grow in understanding and faith

### What is the cost?

There is no charge for the Alpha course, although your donations will be greatly appreciated.

View the Alpha at Nativity Fall Schedule at <https://nativitycharleston.com/alpha/>

Join us by contacting Vicki Vázquez | [alpha@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:alpha@nativitycharleston.org) | 843-813-0615

**The fall Alpha program starts**  
**Tuesday, Sep.3, at 6:15 pm In the Nativity Parish Life Center**  
**Join us for Alpha and bring all your friends.**  
**Sample a Taste of Alpha at the Fellowship Weekend Aug 31 / Sep. 1**



## All Ladies Welcome

to our Kick-Off 2024-2025 Year!

Have you ever been curious about the Nativity Ladies Guild?  
If you are looking for Faith, Fellowship and Service,  
We are the group for you!

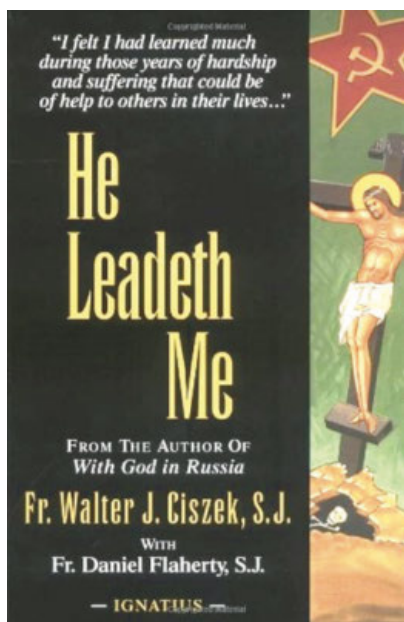
### PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024 AT 12:45 PM  
ALL LADIES OF NATIVITY WELCOME**

RSVP TO: Jackie Doscher Email: [jackiedoscher@gmail.com](mailto:jackiedoscher@gmail.com) 843-276-5002 (Text or Phone)

Or

Sharon Dale Email: [ashsharon1@aol.com](mailto:ashsharon1@aol.com) or 843-795-6715 (Text or Phone)



## Fall Bible Study and Faith Sharing.

Facilitator: **Sister Kathy Adamski**, OSF, former Director of Spirituality and the Synod on Synodality of the Diocese of Charleston.

We will study the book, "**He Leadeth Me**", by Fr. Walter Ciszek, SJ.  
This is a classic text on Faith and Spirituality.  
Participants must provide their own copy of the book

We will meet **1:00 to 2:30 pm**  
**Wednesday from Sep. 4 through Nov 6.**  
at the **Villas of West Ashley**

The program cost is cost is \$50 per participant.  
Sister Kathy will provide the questions for each session.

Make your payment to "Sisters of St. Francis" and mail to Sr. Kathleen Adamski, 102 Ashley Villa Circle, Apt. C, Charleston, SC 29414

Please contact Sister Kathy at [Kathleen.adamski@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleen.adamski@gmail.com) for more informaton.

**All are encouraged to attend.**

## 9:00 am Sunday Nursery Is Returning

Nativity Parish has not offered a nursery during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass since before Covid. Now that the school renovations have been completed, we are planning to rejuvenate the Nursery ministry this fall.

When the nursery closed, all the nursery furnishings and toys were donated. Now we need to re-facilitate. However, we need to do so with foresight because this space will need to serve multiple functions.

We are currently looking for 3 or 4 'child sized' tables with chairs (2 or 4 topper and one or 2 oval shaped 'coffee table' pieces (not more than 18 inches high, and with no sharp edges).

We also need children's board books, several 'large piece' puzzles, and toys appropriate for 1-4 year olds. These items should be packaged and sized so that they can be stored on book shelves when not in use. Note that toys that require batteries or that have small pieces are not appropriate for 1 to 4 year olds.

Please contact Mary Smith ([dre@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:dre@nativitycharleston.org)) at the church office with any questions.

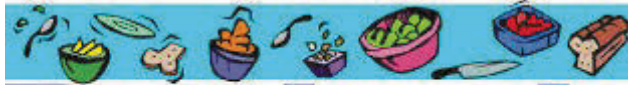
**Please help us Re-equip the Nursery.**



The Knights of Columbus frequently recognize members who provide significant service not only to the organization but to the community. In August, Becky Warriner (not shown) and Gary Warriner (Left) were designated Family of the Month. Rusty Pickett, current Grand Knight, presented these awards at the Council meeting on August 1.

# Fellowship Weekend Is Aug.31 / Sep 1.

Parish Potluck Meals will be hosted after 5:30 and 11:30 weekend Masses by the Alpha Ministry.  
Coffee and donuts will be provided after the 9:00 Mass by the Nativity Ladies Guild



# Potluck

**Saturday, Aug 31, after the 5:30 Mass**  
Bring your favorite dinner dish to share.

**Sunday, Sep 1, after the 11:30 Mass**  
Bring your favorite lunch dish to share.

Drop off food at the PLC before all Masses.

**Everyone is encouraged to participate in these Community Gatherings!**



**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

**The next Program is the weekend of Sept. 27-29th in Charlotte, NC.**

For more information or to register please contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>



**Mom's Prayer Group**

**Returns MONDAY, August 19**

**8:00 am to 9:00 am**

**Nativity Parish Life Center Meeting Room**

**We will be watching the**

**Formed "Catholic Feminism" Series.**

**Coffee is provided and young children are welcome.**

For more information, please text Vicki at 843-813-4238

**Start the week in prayer, devotion and uplifting support.**



## LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

**Will meet On Sat. Aug 24**

**9:00 AM to Noon in the Parish Life Center.**

We will start this year's work by cutting materials for burp cloths and bibs for distribution in October.

During these first sessions we will be cutting only (no sewing or assembly). All materials will be provided. These are tasks that everyone can do. So bring your scissors and join in the fun.

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at [nativityladiesguild@gmail.com](mailto:nativityladiesguild@gmail.com) or at 803-397-2681

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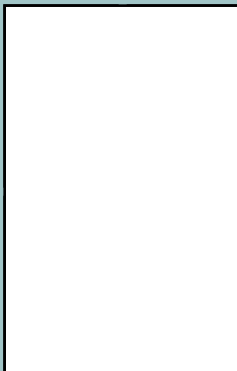



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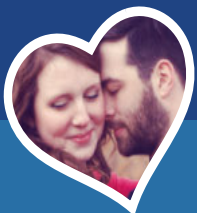
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