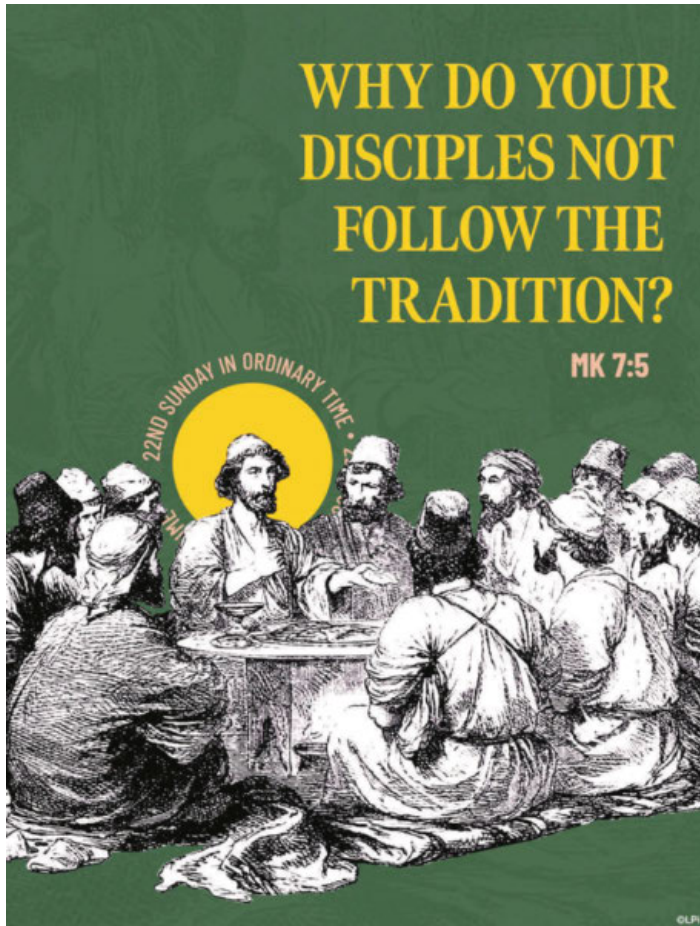


# September 1, 2024

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

**Parish Office is closed on Monday Sept. 2  
In observance of the Labor Day holiday**

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714  
e-mail: [Office@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org)

### Only Jesus can free us from sin and guilt.

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus.

Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. *First of hypocrisy.* Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions. *Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word* by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires.

Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions.

God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us from our sinful cravings and the burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. But to receive his mercy and healing, we must admit our faults and ask for his forgiveness.

... Don Schwager at <https://www.dailyscripture.net>

*The one who does justice will live  
in the presence of the Lord*

...Today's Psalm PS 15

## 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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[ocyp@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:ocyp@charlestdiocese.org), 843-853-2130

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:**

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 September 7 & 8

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

**5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass**  
**Greeters:** Tom & Marcia McNamee, Dianne Piri  
**Altar Servers:** Rosalie Felix, Liam Manning  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith  
**Lector:** Cava Riley  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Mary Catherine Dubois, Grant Family  
**Altar Servers:** Sully Cellars, Finley Feary, Matthew Hart  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen & Matthew Cellars, Gary Hart, Daniel & Tamme Suggs  
**Lector:** Ainsley Knight  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragieli, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Sheila Griner, Susan La Via  
**Altar Servers:** Liam Hale, Maisie Lewis, Liam Manning  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jackie Doscher, Brian Dougherty, David Knab, Maier & Scott Runyon  
**Lector:** John Lavelle  
**Ushers:** Lou Doscher, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

### Offerings Aug 19 — Aug 25

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

#### Second Collections for September:

**September 1, Catholic University**

**Thank you for your Generosity.**

**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. Please place your offering in the collection baskets in the rear of the church,

Or mail your donation to the parish office or make a donation via your myEoffering account.

<https://members.myeoffering.com>

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** returns Wednesday, September 11. The group meets from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room of the Nativity Parish Live Center. We will study **The Gospel of Matthew**, a 4 part video series by Brant Pitre

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at [acgilliard@comcast.net](mailto:acgilliard@comcast.net)



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**Don't forget to update your account  
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:** Irene Bennett, 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, Paul Madden, Katherine & William Manning, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Billy Moran, Bill Mattingly, 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 a deepening of gratitude: that we may be  
grateful to God for every blessing and gift.**

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

### Intentions

#### Mass: This Week

Sa, Aug 31	5:30 pm	Cathy Lott
Su, Sep 1	9:00 am	Olivia Sue Towe†
	11:30 am	Malcolm Hale†
Mo, Sep 2	11:30 am	
Tu, Sep 3	11:30 am	For the People of Nativity
We, Sep 4	11:30 am	Aileen & Armand Lizotte†
Th, Sep 5	9:30 am	
	11:30 am	
Fr, Sep 6	11:30 am	
Sa, Sep 7	5:30 pm	Mary Forsberg Hughes†
Su, Sep 8	9:00 am	Mary Jo Ross†
	11:30 am	The Domrese Grandchildren

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.**



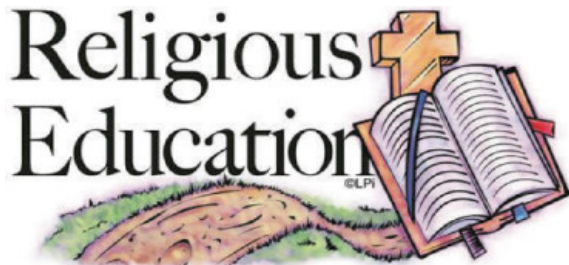
Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance for grades K4 through 8 for the 24–25 School Year.

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](https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights). or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

The Fall Semester is underway. Please pray for our Students



Happy faces at a recent recess at Nativity School.



## Catechists Needed!

**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.

**Late Enrollment Fees now Apply  
Classes Begin Next Sunday**

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.

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.



The Nativity Ladies Guild is conducting a Bake Sale to energize the start of This Year's Parish School of Religion.

10:00 am on Sunday, Sep. 8 in the Nativity School Hall.

Arrive early to have bigger selection.

# 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**



**OCIA**, (**O**rders of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults) 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.

**Weekly Sessions begin Sunday, September 8  
at 10:00 am in the Nativity Parish Life Center Meeting Room.**

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



# This is Fellowship Weekend In the Parish Life Center

Potluck Dinner: Saturday August 31 at 6:30 pm  
Coffee and Donuts: Sunday September 1 at 10:00 am  
Potluck Lunch: Sunday September 1 at 12:30 pm

The mechanics are simple. Just drop off your food items at the Nativity Parish Life Center Before Mass.  
The nice folks there will keep your items at serving temperature while you attend Mass.  
It is just that Simple.

**All are encouraged to participate in Meals  
with all their Family and Friends.**



*Esther and Walter Machowski.  
Recently celebrated their  
73rd Wedding Anniversary  
May God grant them many more years  
of happiness together.*



*Flowers*

at the altar this weekend are in loving memory of

*Malcolm Hale.  
May He Rest in Peace.*



## **Choir Rehearsal Resumes Wednesday, Sep. 4 at 6:30 pm**

The choir regularly rehearses on Wednesday evening.  
We usually finish by 7:30 pm.

There are valuable benefits to joining the choir.

- You get a reserved seat in the very back of the church.
  - Your seat is always available even if you arrive late.
  - You get your own hymnal. And sheet music
  - You get your own music stand and light.
- It just does not get any better than that.

**And yes, we know you can't sing. None of us  
could sing either until we started coming to  
choir rehearsal. So Please Join Us.**



## **LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP**

**Will meet On Sat. Sep 7 and 21  
9:00 AM to Noon in the Parish Life Center.**

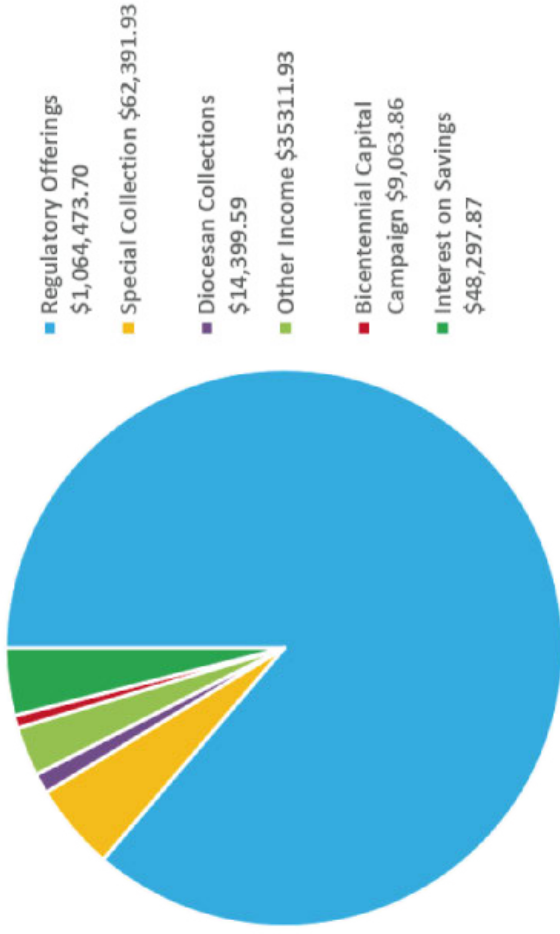
We are in production mode for the burp cloths and bibs for distribution in October. The steps are pin, trim, iron, turn, and sew.

Please bring your sewing machine if you have one, and other sewing gear.

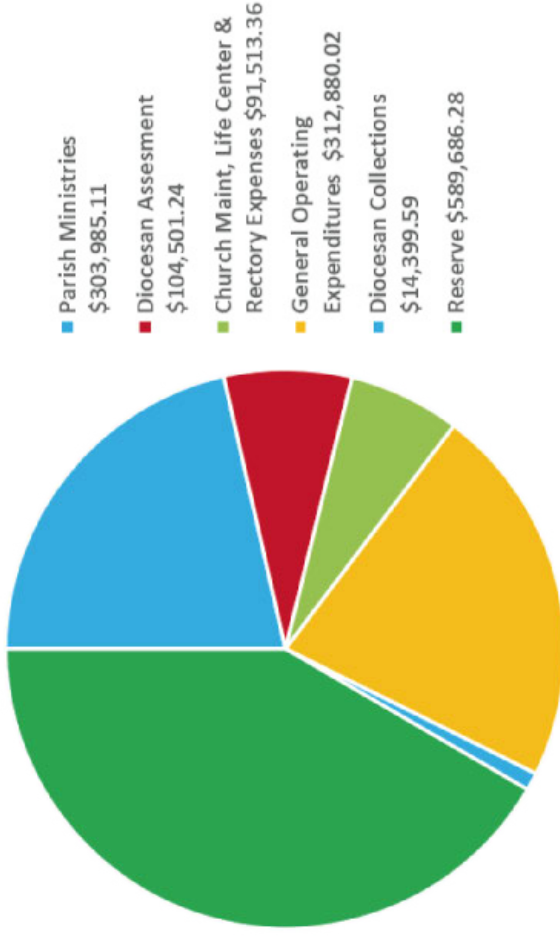
For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at  
[nativityladiesguild@gmail.com](mailto:nativityladiesguild@gmail.com) or at 803-397-2681

**SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 7.**

Total Revenue \$1,233,938.88



Total Expenditures \$1,233,938.88



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Your Finance Council is pleased to provide this annual report for the fiscal year spanning July 2023 - June 2024. Throughout the year we have worked closely with Father Kingsley and the staff to develop the annual parish budget, review financial statements, monitor both offertory giving and parish expenses. Additionally, the council has provided oversight and guidance for construction-related projects.

Perhaps the most visible and noteworthy project completed this year was the addition of the Church Bell Tower and Bell. Other improvements included the installation of new entrance doors to the Church, repainting of parking lot spaces, and some needed tree removal. A significant ongoing project involves the repair and replacement of various components in our Church lighting system, with Mike Riley leading the due diligence process.

This year, the Council was pleased to assist in re-opening the nursery, and in the hiring process for our Church Secretary, Catherine Bowen as well as, Robbie Weaver, our new maintenance person. We were also able to coordinate with the Diocese to move funds from the Diocesan Development Funds to our Church Savings Account to better serve the needs of the parish.

Throughout the year we have monitored trends in parishioner contributions. We continue to see increases in online giving through myEoffering with favorable feedback on the system's user friendliness. We encourage those who have not yet participated to consider using this convenient option.

We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity and willingness to share your time, talents and treasure with the Parish. Thanks to your consistent support, we remain debt-free and in a healthy financial position. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Parish Finance Council for this past year.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Sincerely,

Your Parish Finance Council: John Adams, Joe Cristaldi, Brian Dougherty, Eileen Easler, Pam Everitt, Allison Felix, John Grisillo, Tommy Hale and Bob Horner; special thanks to past members who recently completed their three year rotation: Mike Bolchoz, Lynn Curry and Brandon Paul



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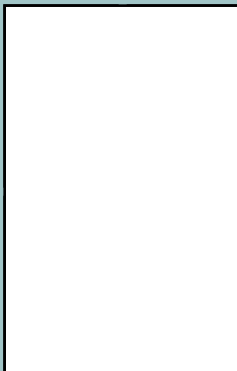



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