



# THIS IS VICTORY

**April 28, 2024**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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## FR. BEN'S COLUMN



### **The vine that chokes or the vine that bears fruit! Which one am I?**

Did you know that in the 19th century the Ohio Valley was one of the biggest wine producing regions in the United States with an enormous number of vineyards all through this area? Ohio wines followed a mostly German style which is described, for both white and red wine as "light, fresh and slightly sweet." The vines planted here, like the Germans that planted them, were of a hardier variety able to withstand colder and wetter climates. A number of factors killed off wine production in this area: a. vines need a lot of attention and the Civil War (1861-1865) drew young farmers off the land and the vines weren't tended and some grew out of control and lost quality; b. as a consequence fungal disease such as downy mildew and black rot – always a threat in damp climates – caused extensive damage to the vines. The vines had little time to recover before the next killer of the wine industry in Southern Ohio; c. Prohibition which 'dried out' the state. When Prohibition ended in 1933, very little was left of a once thriving industry.

Here are some interesting things about planting and tending vines. After digging and preparing the soil you put in posts along which you attach wires to tie up the branches that grow from the vines. Each new plant is about fifteen inches long. It takes three years before the vine produces a grape that is large enough and sweet enough to make good wine. Even then the vine will only produce suitable grapes if the vine is properly cared for. Growing vines and producing grapes needs patience. In the first year of planting the branches of the vines can grow seven feet long but the grapes are small and not suitable for wine. For the first three years the branches of the vines are cut back to the size they were when they were planted, fifteen inches. After three years' growth it is cut back sixty percent each year. Now that's a pretty radical cutting.

Here is the important thing, if the vine is left to itself, it will put all its energy into producing branches and foliage and not roots or fruit. It becomes something of a showoff. It looks great but it has no roots, fruit or substance. The vine spends so much time and energy on how it looks that the roots don't grow and develop, they remain shallow and small, failing to draw out the necessary sustenance from the soil. Over a short time, the vine will, therefore, die of hunger because it has no nutrients. The grapes produced are few and very small and they taste bitter. Unless they are tended every year, the vine produces no fruit, while it looks like it has great branches, leaves and looks good, without care and pruning it will soon wither and die. The care of the vine is just as Jesus describes in the Gospel. Jesus tells us that a life cut off from God is like a vine that grows wild. Growing wild, it puts all its energy into itself, looking good, spreading itself all over the place, wrapping around and choking all around it. But it is not growing, it is not sinking its roots into the soil where the nutrients are. On the surface it spreads itself all around and underground it is shallow. While it looks good it is actually decaying from within and has no future, no hope, and bears no worthwhile fruit.

In order to have a healthy vine that produces worthwhile fruit the vine must be cared for, nurtured, and pruned, constantly, even radically but always lovingly. To grow spiritually and as a decent human being we must cut out what grows but does not produce good fruit. Bitterness, envy, spite, hatred, gossip, fear, attitudes, and habits that can grow wild, fast, and wrap themselves around every relationship and aspect of our lives. If they are not cut out, they grow wild and choke everything they touch. Without the pruning our spirit loses its focus and sense of purpose, and the soul dies within us, so we become an empty shell, a decaying creature.

Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches, and God, is the vinedresser. To grow we must allow

the constant and even the radical pruning, of our souls and spirits, our nature and heart. Pruning allows the roots to grow and in order to truly live we need to sink our roots into the deep soil of the life of God's grace, especially through the sacraments and prayer, good works, healthy friendships and virtuous living, in order to produce good fruit. This is the type of life that is worth having and the life, which is worth living, the type of person worth being and friend worth knowing.

fr. Ben

## MASS PROGRAM

### FIRST READING

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the

Acts 9:26-31

name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

### SECOND READING

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask,

1 Jn 3:18-24

because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

### GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever

Jn 15:1-8

remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, April 28th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM Mass – † Tom Reynolds  
11:00 AM Mass – Missa Pro Populo

### Monday, April 29th: St. Catherine of Siena

8:30 AM Mass – † Betty & Bob Daikes  
9:00 AM Adoration in Chapel  
7:30 PM Confession

### Tuesday, April 30th: Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Mass – † Michelle Lanter

### Wednesday, May 1st: Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Mass – † Joseph Peters

### Thursday, May 2nd: Saint Athanasius

8:30 AM Mass – Ron & Teresa Humphrey (SI)

### Friday, May 3rd: Saint Philip and James

8:30 AM Mass – † Kathy Hengstebeck

### Saturday, May 4th: Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Mass – † Tom M. Lanter  
3:30 PM Confession  
4:30 PM Mass – † Norbert Loesing

### Sunday, April May 5th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM Mass – † Carol Lammers  
11:00 AM Mass – Missa Pro Populo

### Solemn Eucharistic Benediction: 3-3:30pm

Our Lady of Victory,  
May 5th

St. Al's on the Ohio,  
May 19th

### Anniversary Intentions of the Deceased.

The following death  
anniversary occurred:  
Jan. 29th - May 5th

Margie Feist  
Francis Fritsch  
Joseph Paff  
Maria Emge  
Rene Paff  
Joseph Klocek

### Our Lady of Victory Carmel Pastor's Intentions for Homebound:

For peace in the world,  
especially in the Holy Land.

For all our children  
preparing for graduation  
from elementary, high  
school, and college that  
the Lord will accompany  
them in the next stage  
of their life and calling.

## WEEKLY OFFERING – APRIL 21, 2024

Envelopes & Cash.....	\$ 9,577
Electronic Contributions.....	\$ 7,465
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 17,042</b>

### YTD Comparison to Budget

YTD Actual (43 weeks).....	\$859,728
YTD Budget (43 weeks).....	\$759,165
Collection <b>Over</b> Budget.....	<b>\$100,563</b>

### YTD Comparison to Prior Year

YTD Actual (43 weeks).....	\$859,728
Prior Year Actual (43 weeks).....	\$782,217
Collection <b>Over</b> Prior Year.....	<b>\$ 77,511</b>



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has a hearing loop for  
hearing aid users! Switch  
your hearing aid to  
T-Coil to use it within our church.

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## School Mass: Monday, April 29th at 8:30am

Altar Servers	Lectors/General Intercessions	Extraordinary Ministers	Greeters	Gift Bearers
Abby Mangold Chloe Rink Lily Wittwer	Josie Johnson Luke Richmond Celeste Fritsch	Karli Vaughn Colleen Lipps Mr. Wuebbolt Mrs. Matthews	Ryder Fresse Joey Lasita Juliana Ott Alex Richardson	Lucy Wittwer Tommy Cummings

Masses	Altar Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
Tuesday, April 30th at 8:30am		Claire Cahill	
Wednesday, May 1st at 8:30am		Esther Geiermann	
Thursday, May 2nd at 8:30am		Carol Weisker	
Friday, May 3rd at 8:30am		Mary Ann Mecher	
Saturday, May 4th at 8:30am		<b>NEED ONE</b>	
Saturday, May 4th at 4:30pm	Charlie Heitz Rogan Easterly Aribella Easterly	Eric Heitz Tom Aug	Teddy Heitz Kacey Brigger Kathy Aug
Sunday, May 5th at 8:45am	Henry Topp Lydia Topp Elora Stone	Amy Forbin Erin Honkomp	Jenna Beck Tom Coppedge Myra Kathman
Sunday, May 5th at 11:00am	Connor McCarthy Jaxon Rogers Henry Fulwiler	Ron Lewis Carol Weisker	Rina Dizon Cookie Hoffmeier

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI JULY 1-8, 2024

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is traveling through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati! Join the pilgrims on their journey as they accompany Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Explore the pilgrimage route and the opportunities to get involved in the many events along the way.

[www.catholicaoc.org/jesus-is-here](http://www.catholicaoc.org/jesus-is-here)

## 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

All 200+ parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati join together to invite participation in this vital appeal. Below is our **PARISH PROGRESS REPORT**

as of 04.18.24	GOAL	PLEGGED
Our Lady of Victory	\$47,967	\$61,405
St. Al's on the Ohio	\$11,713	\$7,630
St. Dominic	\$51,664	\$15,457
St. Simon the Apostle	\$13,369	\$13,183
St. Vincet de Paul	\$11,895	\$5,385

## CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Once a month a family in the parish will be given the chalice at Mass and will keep it in their home with a promise to pray, as a family, for vocations, every day. If you would like to volunteer your family for this devotion for May, June, or July, please call the Parish Office at 513-922-4460.

## HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING

The Holy Hour for the Dying is held every Friday evening in the chapel. We are going to be meeting now at 6:30pm instead of 7pm. All are welcome! If you want us to pray for someone who is dying, please contact Cyndy Hummer at 513-922-4231 or [chummer@fuse.net](mailto:chummer@fuse.net)

## REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART

Reparation to the Sacred Heart is held on the 4th Wednesday each month at 7pm in the chapel. All are welcome! This month we meet on Wednesday, May 22nd, in the chapel. Questions? Please contact Cyndy Hummer at [chummer@fuse.net](mailto:chummer@fuse.net)

## SACRED HEART RADIO

You can hear the most sought-after Catholic speakers and authors anytime, anywhere – just download the free Sacred Heart Radio app at SacredHeartRadio.com. No radio required! Sacred Heart Radio helps you learn, live & love your faith every hour of every day.

## REGISTERING FOR OUR PARISH

If you would like to register for our Parish, please visit [www.olvdelhi.org/registration](http://www.olvdelhi.org/registration) or call the parish office at 513-922-4460.



Our Lady of Victory Parish  
April 21, 2024





5th Sunday of Easter • John 15:1-8



## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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joined	pray	gardener
branch	fruit	clean

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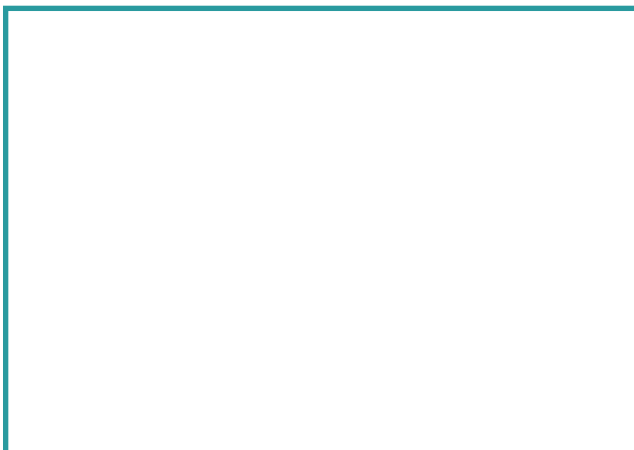
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## GOSPEL

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die, and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged in to Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus, so your faith can grow fruit.

## DRAW

Draw Jesus as a vine with you, your family and friends for its branches.



## PRAYER

Jesus, help me stay close to you and follow your commandments.

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## CHIRP! CLASSIC GOLF INVITATIONAL

**Friday, May 3rd | Noon Shotgun Start  
Pebble Creek Golf Course**

Join us for the 5th annual CHIRP! Classic Golf Invitational on May 3rd at Pebble Creek Golf Course. The cost is \$80 per golfer or \$320 per team. Cost includes cart, drink tickets and dinner. Proceeds support the Our Lady of Victory Youth Golf Team and those in need. For more details or to sign up, contact Rob Gerdes at 513-240-8855.

## BASEBALL – 8th GRADE NIGHT

Come join us for 8th Grade Baseball Night at Victory – Friday, May 3rd. Game starts at 6:15pm with National Anthem. Concessions and grill items will be available for purchase.

## OLV GIRLS & BOYS GOLF

Registration is now open! Everyone who signs up will be placed on a team in 1 of the 3 skill levels. Teams will be organized into Instructional, Junior Varsity, and Varsity. Each player, regardless of skill level, must complete 3 rounds of golf at Robins Nest from the white or blue tees (whichever is the farthest back) any time between now and June 8. The season goes from late July/early August until the first week in October. Practice will be once or twice a week, around 5-7pm in the evening. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rob Gerdes at [olvgolfteam@gmail.com](mailto:olvgolfteam@gmail.com)

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

If you would like to submit an article or announcement for the bulletin, submissions are due Mondays at 9am. Written notices can be emailed to [olvbuletin@org](mailto:olvbuletin@org)

## 8th GRADE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2024-2025

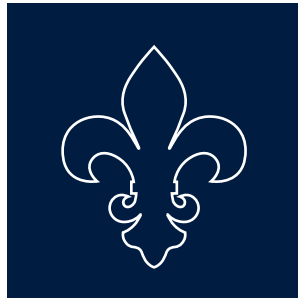
If you are in the 8th grade this year and you are an active parishioner you can apply for scholarships for a catholic high school. Scholarship information is available on our website at [www.olvdelhi.org](http://www.olvdelhi.org). Scholarships are due May 10th.

## TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

The Texas Hold'em Tournament will be held on May 16th in the Convocation Center. Registration starts at 6pm and cards will be dealt at 7pm. The cost is \$70 per person. Pop, chips, and pretzels are included. Beer, metts, and brats will be available for purchase (cash only). You must be 21 or older to participate. If you'd like to preregister, you can Venmo [@OLVictoryAthletics](https://www.venmo.com/OLVictoryAthletics) or pay cash at the door. We will have a preregistration drawing for those preregistered by May 14th - \$100 drawing.

## MAY UPCOMING DATES

- 05 | Family Mass & Donut Social
- 06 | PTO Meeting, 6:30pm
- 07 | Spring Flower Pickup, 2-6pm
- 08 | NJHS Induction
- 14 | 8th Grade Graduation
- 16 | Texas Hold'em Tournament
- 17-19 | Festival Weekend
- 20 | Festival Clean-up  
No School/Parish Office Closed
- 24 | Last Day of School
- 27 | Parish Office Closed



OUR LADY *of* VICTORY  
**PARISH FESTIVAL**

**MAY 17**  
**6-11 PM**

**MAY 18**  
**5:30-11 PM**

**MAY 19**  
**3-10 PM**

**JOIN THE FUN & VOLUNTEER!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2024festival>

**KIDS AREA + RIDES**

**\$30 RIDE BRACLET FROM 3-7PM ON SUNDAY**

**LISTEN SING DANCE**

**CHECK OUT THE BANDS AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL!**

**MAY 17 LUNCHBOX**

**MAY 18 BOBBY MCCLENDON**

**MAY 19 THE MENUS**



**CONSIDER BEING A  
 FESTIVAL  
 SPONSOR**

The Our Lady of Victory Parish Festival will be held this year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 17-19, 2024. Our Festival is the principle means of support for our athletic program and contributes in a large way to the general operating budget for Our Lady of Victory Parish. This is a 501(c)(3) eligible donation.

**SPONSOR LEVELS**

**VICTORY LEVEL— \$1,200**

**VIPER LEVEL— \$750**

**GOLD LEVEL— \$300**

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To learn more about being a sponsor, please contact Sarah Keiser at 513-673-7622 or [olvfestival@gmail.com](mailto:olvfestival@gmail.com)

Your help will go a long way in making our Festival and parish a success!

MARY, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS IS PROUD & EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH WSCYG!



WSCYG has given me the opportunity to meet young people who are involved in their faith. Each meeting gives me a sense of community and friendship. It is amazing to see how everyone is so welcoming and supportive.

— Luke Hafner  
Elder High School,  
Our Lady of Victory Parishioner



## WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

Westside Catholic Youth Group WSCYG is a community created for High School Students, led by our Youth Minister, Monica White, and her core team of college and adult leaders. We invite high school students from across the tri-state area to join us at our monthly meetings and pop-up events. We are delighted to welcome you to a place where you can be your true authentic self with like-minded and faith-filled peers.

This group gathers once a month from 6-7 PM for a social hour followed by a meeting from 7-9 PM. Meeting dates will be posted in the bulletin.

### CONTACT US

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# MARY, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS

## **SOULCORE**

Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00pm  
St. Simon Plagge Hall

## **MIKE DAVIS PRESENTS: A PEP RALLY FOR OUR CATHOLIC FAITH AND CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD**

**Saturday, May 11th | 7pm**  
**St. Dominic Parish**

One Night Only! Mike Davis will lead this evening with prayer, reflections, scripture, music, and even a little bit of humor as you unpack and rediscover the beauty of our Church, Faith, and Christianity. In a country and world that desperately needs our prayers, this is the perfect opportunity to come out for a ministry evening and celebrate the love God has for you! There is no charge for this event. Free will donations graciously accepted. All are welcome! Questions? Contact [Med251@aol.com](mailto:Med251@aol.com)

## **KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS: SPEAKER WARREN BROWN, REDS BAT BOY 1970-72**

**Tuesday, May 21st | 7:30pm**  
**St. Dominic O'Connor Hall**

We welcome Warren Brown, a Reds Bat Boy from 1970-72 will share memories and life lessons learned from his time with the Reds as The Big Red Machine began its historic run through the 1970's. Brown will take you from the clubhouse to the dugout and the field as he shares stories about Sparky, Pete, Joe, Johnny, Tony and the other members of one of the greatest teams in MLB history. This event is free and open to the public and is hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

## **COMMUNITY DINNER**

**Wednesday, May 15th | 5:00-6:00pm**  
**St. Dominic O'Connor Hall**

Come and enjoy a meal with parishioners, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome! There will not be any community dinners in June, July or August. Mark your calendar for Sept. 18th for our next community dinner.

## **GOLDENAIRES**

Save the Date! – Wednesday, May 29th at the Our Lady of Victory Sports Pavilion. Start time TBD. Lunch and a short talk provided by Western Hills retirement Village. Games and Split the Pot. More info coming soon.

## **ST. DOMINIC PARISH FESTIVAL**

Mark your calendar! The St. Dominic Parish Festival will be held on July 19-21. Look for more information in future bulletins.

## **PARENTAL PREPARATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM**

Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and theology of the sacrament, reflect on our own baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next session is scheduled at St. Dominic on Sunday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. (after the 9:30 a.m. Mass) in church. Contact Julie Vaughn at 513-347-8825 or [jvaughn@olv.org](mailto:jvaughn@olv.org) to let us know that you will join us on June 9 for baptism preparation. To schedule a baptism at Our Lady of Victory or if you have questions about baptism, please call the Parish Office at 513-922-4460.

# FAMILY OF PARISHES + BEACONS OF LIGHT



## MARY QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:45am & 11:00am

**Daily Masses**

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am

**Adoration**

Monday: 9:00am-7:00pm

**Confession**

Monday: 7:30-8:00pm  
Saturday: 3:30-4:00pm

### ST. AL'S ON THE OHIO

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 9:30am

**Daily Masses**

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00am

**Confession**

Saturday: 4:00-4:30pm

### ST. DOMINIC

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am,  
11:30am & 7:00pm

**Daily Masses**

Monday-Friday:  
Communion Service 6:10am  
Mass 7:30am & 8:15am\*  
*\*Fridays only during school year*  
Saturday: 8:15am

**Adoration**

Wednesday: 8:00am-12:00pm

**Confession**

Saturday: 8:45-9:30am  
or by appointment

### ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 7:00pm  
Sunday: 11:00am

**Daily Masses**

Monday & Friday 8:00am

**Confession**

First Friday of the month  
4:00-6:00pm

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 3:00pm & 4:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

**Daily Masses**

Monday-Friday: 8:00am

**Confession**

Saturday: 2:00pm

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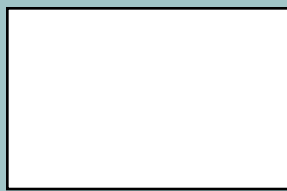
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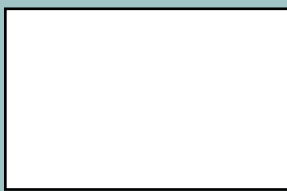
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