

St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, Michigan www.stvincentferrer.net

OCTOBER 9, 2022 † TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From The Pastor

Encounter, grow, witness is a dynamic used to grow in faith. The initiative of evangelization is to come to the realization and acceptance of the life of God, through Jesus, in a new and vibrant way. In reaches into, but beyond the routine practice of religion to realize the richness of God expressed and given to us in the Lord Jesus.

A critical reality in the maturing of faith is the inner desire to know the Lord and follow his way. After years of practicing the rhythms of religion, it is easy to follow the flow of the ritual and not realize or attend to a deeper inner movement of the Lord speaking to our hearts. This is the dynamic of what we call the encounter; otherwise named as a personal movement of the heart in the awareness of Jesus. Such an encounter is often described as being touched by love, healing, an awakening, or a deep self-realization.

The first reading and the gospel today offer two different kinds of encounters that deeply move the body, mind, and heart of those involved. We enter the story of Naaman, an Aramean army commander, halfway through the experience. Initially, Naaman is resistant and disappointed with the directive of Elisha the prophet. Encouraged by others in his group, he finally plunges into the waters of the Jordan and his flesh is cleansed of leprosy. Filled with amazement and gratitude, Naaman returns to the house of Elisha to thank him and make a gift offering. Elisha refuses the gift because it is the power of God that effected the healing. He will not accept a gift for himself. Naaman then asks for two bags of dirt that he may worship the God of Israel in his home country. He has come to faith in the realization and acceptance that God the Lord, is Lord alone.

His deep encounter of healing, despite early resistance, has changed his life. More than the freedom from leprosy, this man is touched from the inside out as he perceives a power well beyond what any human being could do. He has accepted the Lord our God. His faith is expressed in the desire to worship the Lord with praise and gratitude.

The gospel is similar with a different twist. Faith is initially shown in the plea of the ten lepers. "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us." All the right words, rightfully expressed, but without the same result. All ten were healed, but only one returned to give thanks for the power of God realized in Jesus. In this case, Temple religion becomes a hindrance to a personal realization of the power of the living God. The nine were Jewish and continued to the Temple to gain a certificate of purity. This would allow them to return to

their families and rejoin the Temple community in worship. Not a bad thing of course, but is this a case when the baby is left behind in the bath water? It is.

The nine were more intent on a religious rubric through which they could justify themselves to God and others through a certificate of purity. Common mistake even today. Many can rightfully say they validly participated in Mass, but have they allowed themselves to realize and deepen their faith in the love of Jesus received in the Eucharist? Did their presence at Mass afford them a personal encounter of Jesus that stirred their hearts? Each person must answer on their own.

The Samaritan, who was a Gentile, had a different kind of encounter. In the realization of his healing, the Samaritan is moved by the power of Jesus who made him whole. He understands he had no power in his healing, but that it was the word and the work of God in Jesus who set him free. His heart, his whole being is moved to gratitude. His emotion of humility and unworthiness draws him back to Jesus. He falls on his knees glorifying God as he gives thanks to Jesus. Like Naaman, he is changed from the inside out. He realizes the power of Jesus and sees it for what it is; an act of God personally for him and his freedom and restoration.

Jesus tells him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." More than satisfying a religious rubric, the man is filled with the desire to stay with and follow Jesus. Telling him to "Stand up and go", Jesus calls him to the full stature of the faith he holds. Through that faith, the man desires to grow in relationship and closeness to Jesus. Through the encounter, the man becomes an awakened follower.

These encounters describe the evidence of evangelization; people opened, healed, or awakened in a new realization of the personal love of the Lord Jesus. Do you desire this? It is an inside job beyond what can easily become the 'come and go' practice of religion. What is your desire for Jesus? How deep or alive is your trust in the Lord's desire to touch you personally? Like Naaman, we all have times of resistance and reasons to complain that allow us to step back. Don't you want more? Don't you want to be touched by Jesus. I do.

Open yourself from the inside. Let Jesus in. Be willing to see Jesus in the ordinary rhythms of your daily life. When you come to Church, sincerely worship the Lord from your heart with the desire to receive what God wants to give you. Trust, ask, be open. Be willing to change and the Lord can fill you up.

Father John Esper

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday thru Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am

Church doors open 1/2 hour before Mass begins

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm in Adoration Chapel

Only one person allowed in chapel at a time. Persons seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation will be allowed in church to line up at 3:00pm



Live Streaming of Mass Monday thru Thursday 8:00am and Sunday 9:00am

One hour of Adoration on Tuesday following 8am Mass

Livestream of Rosary on Thursday following Mass

Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

28353 Herbert St., Madison Heights, MI 48071 248-542-8720 Fax 248-542-8721 Website: www.stvincentferrer.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm
Friday - 9am to Noon - Closed Saturday & Sunday

Parish Office Staff

Reverend John C. Esper, Priest in Solidum Deborah Tourville, Business Manager/Spiritual Direction

Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin

Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator

Mary Ann Przybysz, Evangelical Charity Coordinator/ Order of Christian Initiation of Adults(OCIA) Coordinator

Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

Faith Formation Office

Hours: Monday thru Thursday Noon-3pm or by appointment 248-398-1743

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

For information on Baptisms, RCIA and Funerals contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720



MONDAY, October 10, 2022

8:00am Mass: Jacquelyn Pantano† req. by Family

TUESDAY, October 11, 2022

8:00am Mass: Jerry Gutowski† req. by Regina Juska-

Svoba

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 2022

8:00am Mass: Tim Esper† req. by Family

THURSDAY, October 13, 2022

8:00am Mass: Christopher Hudy (Special Intention) req. by Mom

SATURDAY, October 15, 2022

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Paul & Katherine Bilovus† req. by Jeanette & Tony Dombrowski

Geraldine Bilovus Hall† req. by Jeanette & Tony

Dombrowski

Peter Conway req. by Mom

For those discerning a Vocation to the Priesthood or other Church Ministries

SUNDAY, October 16, 2022

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Elena Maulding (37th R.A.) req. by Regina Juska-Svoba

Pina Tosto† req. by Virga Family

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family Jerry Gutowski† req. by Linda Karolski

Evelyn Lenore Bobchik† req. by Family

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF October 9, 2022



Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17;

Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8- 13; Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48;

Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54 Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13;

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 —

4:2; Lk 18:1-8

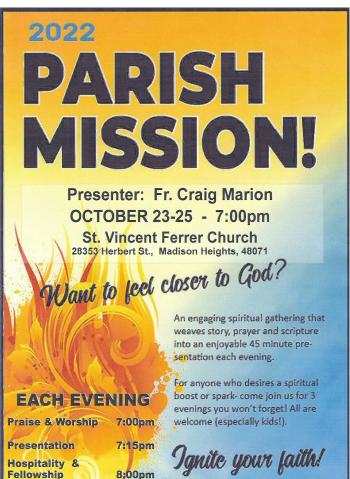
RE: Michigan Ballot Proposal 3

Archbishop Allen Vigneron is calling on Catholics to help defeat Michigan ballot Proposal 3. He has said "The implications of this proposal are vast and extreme." In a letter dated September 15, 2022, to his "Brothers & Sisters in Christ", he offers 3 invitations to act: Pray, Vote NO, and inform others about the true nature of this destructive proposal. To learn more, he encourages visiting:

supportmiwomenandchildren.org.

The full letter from the Archbishop can be found on our website, at aod.org or pick up a paper copy in back of church or at the Parish Office.

Save The Date



I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer who took the time to send a card, said a prayer or asked how I was doing after my knee replacement surgery this past August 29th. Your cards, well wishes and prayers are getting me through this recovery. Thanks again.

Linda Karolski



Miracles of Faith

Besides being cured, what do Naaman (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Naaman proclaims Israel's God to be the only God; he even wants to worship the Lord in his own country. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me

wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith?

For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on good solutions by not asking for help. Help often comes from someone who shows us a way through our problems, without solving them for us. Perhaps if we talk about the problem with another person, the solution will become obvious to us. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer, giving God the chance to speak to your heart with the answer or the encouragement you need.

Miracles don't just happen to other people. We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be no more than a theory. Scientists work with theories all the time, but until they write out the math or do the experiments, the theory is never proven. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.

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Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary

Time; Sukkot (Jewish Feast of Booths)

begins at sunset

Monday: Canadian Thanksgiving Day;

Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday: St. John XXIII Friday: St. Callistus I

Saturday: St. Teresa of Jesus; Sweetest Day



SHMS SEMINARIANS HALLOWEEN OUTREACH Oct 10-23

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and

Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids.

Place candy donations in the marked basket in back of church or drop off at Parish Office during week. Donations accepted thru Sunday, Oct. 23rd.



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What good works do I intend to carry out this week?

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We appreciate your continued support with St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church. Our current E-Giving platform is being discontinued by our bank as of October 31, 2022. To better serve you all donations going forward will be submitted through Tithe.ly, our new donation online platform. The new platform is user friendly and holds more payment options for your convenience. You will need to re-register on the new platform to set up your contribution account. The link is provided for you on our website: www.stvincentferrer.net

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this change. We believe this will make giving easier than ever for our church community. If you have any questions, or if you need assistance setting up a recurring contribution, please feel free to reach out to us at 248-542-8720.



....all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding a peaceful resolution to the Ukraine crisis.

...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from

economic hardship and from complications caused by catastrophic weather

- ...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.
- ...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually and emotionally
- ...all who are sick, homebound, undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus,

You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally in these difficult times. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey. Amen



EVANGELICAL SERVICE CORNER

FOOD PANTRY

Parishioners in need of food at this time can contact Doris at St. Mary Magdalen Parish (248-542-8060)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING - THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 6:30PM IN CHURCH

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry invites you to serve individuals and families in need in our local area. Christ said, "What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me". We welcome you to join us in seeking out and serving Christ in those who "knock on our door." Come join us on October 11 (Tuesday) at 6:30PM at the back of the Church to learn more. Feel free to send us an email at svfconference@gmail.com for any questions. God bless.



SEPTEMBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 6

40 Days for Life is a National Prayer
Campaign to end abortion
Participants offer prayers, fasting, and peaceful vigils at local abortion centers if able

To participate in a peaceful vigil at a local abortion center, visit: https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-search.aspx

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Using beads for prayer and meditation is an ancient custom, found in many cultures and religions. The



Christian rosary dates from the twelfth century, when it provided a way for ordinary Christians to learn about the lives of Jesus and Mary. Alan de la Roche, a fifteenth-century Dominican, preferred "Psalter of Our Lady" to "rosary." This fitting name recalls an explanation of the devotion's origin. Unable to read the one hundred fifty psalms that formed the Church's "official" daily prayer, medieval Christians substituted first one hundred fifty *Pater Nosters*, and later one hundred fifty *Ave Marias*. By meditating on the various mysteries of the rosary while repeating these simple prayers, the faithful could immerse themselves in the whole mystery of the Incarnation and the Resurrection.

The dedication of October to the Blessed Virgin Mary is an appropriate reminder of this venerable form of prayer. Faithful Christians everywhere continue to meditate on the mysteries of the rosary, praying in groups or alone. Why not take advantage of this season to renew your acquaintance with the rosary?

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Baptism Preparation

OCIA

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Parents who desire to have their infant or toddler baptized can contact Mary Ann in the Parish Office at 248-542-8720 to set up an appointment.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

A new change has been made in the title of the process in which adults are prepared in the Catholic Church for Baptism,

Confirmation and First Eucharist, and for reception into the Catholic Church for persons already Baptized in another Christian tradition. Formerly known as "RCIA" or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the process will now be referred to as "OCIA" or "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults." "Why the change?" you may ask. This is a change that focuses on the initiation process, recognizing the candidates for the sacraments of initiation are in a life-changing journey within the Catholic Upon participation in the "Rite of community. Acceptance" at which candidates express their free choice to pursue preparation for the Sacraments, they officially are welcomed into the Church's "Order of Catechumens" which affords them certain rights in the church.

The ongoing support of our local faith community is essential for this journey. So please pray for those who may be considering a call to Baptism within our parish. If you know an adult who is at this place in her/his life, encourage them to contact Mary Ann Przybysz, OCIA coordinator, at the parish office, (248)542-8720.



Download Forms at our website: stvincentierrer.net

In person classes Monday evenings 6:15 to 7:30pm began Oct 3rd

Register in the Faith Formation Office Monday thru Thursday Noon-3pm or by appointment

We are still looking for volunteers to serve as catechists (teachers), teacher aides, and hall monitors.

If you are interested in volunteering, Please call Matthew Zinser, our new Director at 248-398-1743 or email ReligiousEducation@stvincentferrer.net

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, Oct. 15 - 9am





No need to register, no cost involved. Join fellowship at any time. Come and see what God might want to say to you! Bring a friend or come and make new ones.

Ministry Schedule October 15/16

Mass	Sat. 4 pm	Sun 9 am
Sacristan	T Riley	C McCarthy
Reader #1	R Pasiak	P Miles
Reader #2	T Riley	C McCarthy
EME	M Kairis	P Miles
	M Simmons	A Goll
	R Pasiak	T Karolski
Greeters	T MIlko	S Bosetti
	B McEvoy	B Gutowski
	K Heffner	D Vu
	R Juska-Svoba	M Bessler



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's readings explore how we see and respond to blessing in our lives. We hear two stories of healing and of thanksgiving, of a powerful military leader Naaman, and of a powerless Samaritan leper. Both are examples of humility and gratitude that mark the presence of faith in God. We observe that both Naaman and the leper had their horizons expanded by their healing. Once healed, they did not simply attribute this to a stroke of

luck, and then go on with their lives. Instead, they began to see God on the move, reaching out to everyone, and actively blessing all creation. Jesus notes that the leper's faith saved him, because he was receptive to seeing this fuller reality. Faith changes our perception. Faith allows us to see beyond our usual boundaries, to embrace a loving God, and to participate in sharing that love with others.

THE OTHER

Saint Luke has a special interest in Samaritans. In Luke and in Acts, Samaritans keep popping up, both in parable and in the narrative. In today's Gospel, Jesus travels among peoples with a long history of hostilities between those loyal to the Temple in Jerusalem, and those (Samaritans) who rejected it. They shared many common beliefs, and honored the God of Abraham and Moses. As in many conflicts, two groups who have much in common tragically have the most intense disagreements.

It was the Samaritan leper who returned to thank Jesus and praise God for his healing. Someone across the social divide became an example of faith in God, just as, earlier in Luke, the Good Samaritan demonstrated love of neighbor. Might you be part of a group that finds reasons to distrust another group? Jesus points toward new possibilities within and between families, ethnicities, and religious groups. If "the other" is in fact admirable, if we can learn from them, then perhaps we can work to be reconciled with them.

GOD'S WAYS

The passage from 2 Kings concludes of the story of Naaman, a foreign military leader who suffers from a skin disease named as leprosy. The full story of Naaman is well worth reading, beginning in 2 Kings 5:1, as it describes the journey of a powerful man desperate for a cure, and who finds it most unexpectedly. He has used up all the options available to the wealthy and well-connected. But his slave girl from Israel points him to Elisha, the little-known Jewish prophet. Other servants rescue Naaman from his pride, and he is led to accept healing.

This story illustrates how God's ways are different from worldly ways. God acts primarily through the lowly and faithful, while power and wealth fail to solve the world's problem. Those on the margins, or those with humility, are often best able to see the opportunities God makes available. When Naaman humbled himself, he discovered God's ways, and gave thanks to God.

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OUR FAMILY - MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

2100 W. 12 Mile, Royal Oak, 48073 SATURDAY 8:30 am

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SUNDAY

7:00 am, 9:00 am (livestreamed) 10:45 am, 12:30 pm,

4:00 pm (Spanish-livestreamed), and 6:00 pm

WEEKDAYS (Monday - Friday) 6:30 am (Livestreamed), 8:30 am

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SUNDAY - 9 am & 11 am - St. Mary Magdalen
MON-WED, FRI- 9am - St. Justin
No Mass on Thursday

St. Mary

730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067 SATURDAY - 4:30 pm SUNDAY - 9 am, 11 am MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30 am WED - 12:10 pm

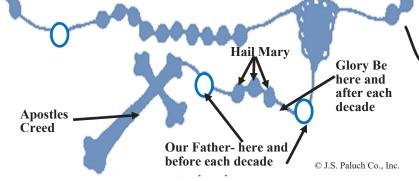


How to Pray the Rosary

APOSTLE'S CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER: Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen

HAIL MARY: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen **GLORY BE:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen





REGINA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 23rd - 1-4pm

Decade (10) Hail Marys

Join us at our Open House on Sunday, October 23, 2022, from 1-4 pm. Engage in Regina High School's community of outstanding academics, faith formation, clubs, and athletics. All 8th-grade Open House attendees will have their High School Placement Test fee waived that's a \$50 savings! You will also be entered into a raffle drawing to win a \$1,000 tuition voucher if you attend. Discover the difference a Regina education can make for young women as they step into their future. Skip the line at the door by pre-registering today at:

www.reginahs.com/openhouse/

Elisha, a man of God, told Naaman to dip into the Jordan River seven times.

Naaman did this and God removed all the sores from his body.

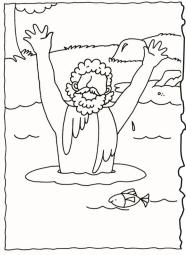
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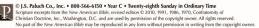
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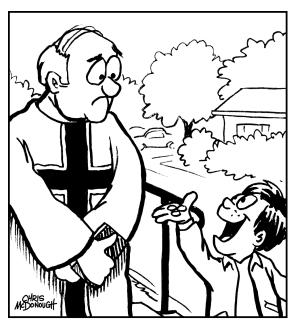


Children

Sod's Word for







"I'm glad we got down on our knees today, Pastor Al. I found 27 cents that bounced out of the collection."



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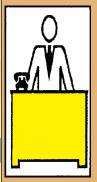
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