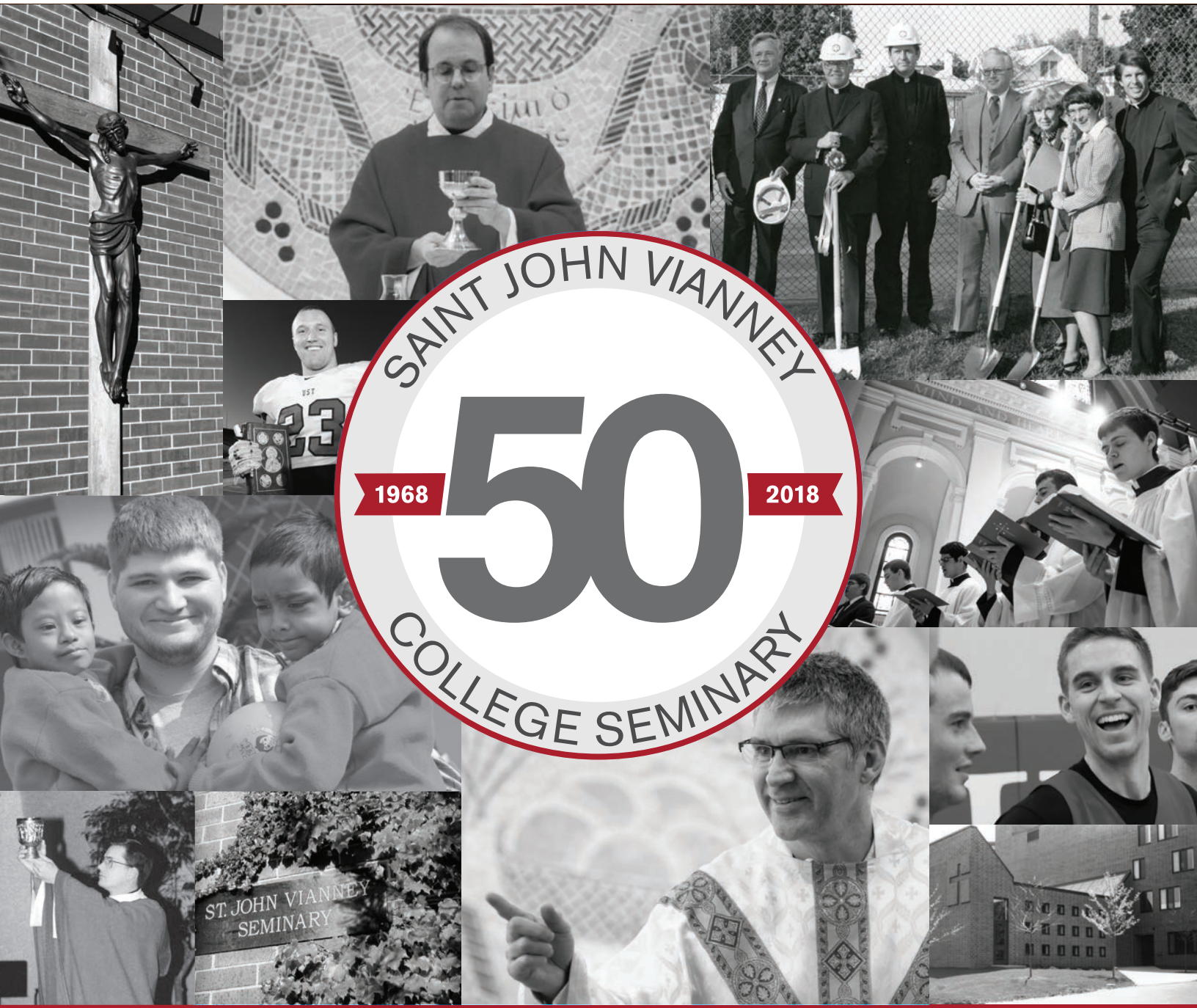


Vianney news

Saint John Vianney
College Seminary
St. Paul, Minnesota



INTRODUCING OUR NEW LOGO!

See the Joyful Catholic Leaders insert enclosed.

Rejoice with Others

There is a lot of change at SJV this year. We said good bye to Fr. Stephen Borello, formator and spiritual director, who returned to the Diocese of Joliet to serve as Vocations Director. We are marking SJV's first 50 years in a variety of ways. And, we have a new look! Watch as our new brand comes to life in future publications (see insert).

Thankfully, we remain steadfast in our mission. I only need to look to our seminarians to be reminded of this.

One of our new seminarians recently shared with me that he has many food allergies – dairy, beef, nuts, seafood - some of which are life threatening.

I asked him what he learned growing up with this reality. He said, "I learned about disappointment, and I learned to rejoice in the joy of others."

"How did you do that?" I asked.

He answered, "When I was very young, I could never eat the cake or ice cream at a birthday party. That left me very disappointed. But over time I learned to rejoice in the joy of my friends and family who were able to enjoy the desserts."

Rejoicing in the joy of others. That is a profound lesson for such a young boy to learn.

Like this young man, I give thanks to God for the many joys and successes experienced at Saint John Vianney College Seminary. Watching the seminarians grow spiritually and humanly and helping them discover their vocation, whether that is to be a priest or to get married and raise a family, is a great joy for the priests on staff.

There is also the joy which proceeds from divine love, an intimacy experienced first and foremost during daily holy hour and Mass in our chapel.

There is the joy of fraternity in which all men learn to build each other up and honor their brother seminarians as a way of life.

There is also the joy of evangelization. The salvation of souls is in fact one of the greatest hungers and joys of priestly service. For all of our seminarians, it starts in their weekly ministry in a parish or on campus.

Finally, there is joy in social opportunities and seminary events, such as our recent coffee house during which our seminarians' humor and musical talents were on display, typically to raucous applause.

Scripture exhorts us to "rejoice with those who rejoice" (Romans 12:15). Even in the midst of change, the joy at Saint John Vianney College Seminary remains. Thank you, dear friends and benefactors, for rejoicing with us!



Fr. Michael Becker
Rector

Rev. Michael C Becker Jr

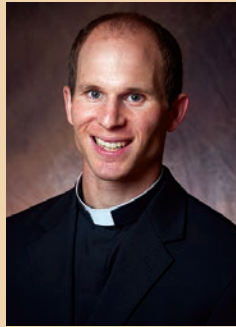
SJV Goes Back to School



2018-2019

SJV welcomes 98 seminarians and two new formators and spiritual directors

Father Kuharski is an SJV alumnus, graduating from the University of St. Thomas in 2010 with degrees in philosophy and business and a minor in Catholic Studies. He attended the Pontifical North American College in Rome and was ordained in 2014. His first assignment was at the Church of St. Stephen in Anoka, Minn.



About his new assignment at SJV, Fr. Kuharski says, "I look forward to walking with these men as they grow in their love for Jesus Christ and to help prepare them to be bridges in our world to spread the Gospel. I hope to be able to impart some of that same spirit of magnanimity and pastoral charity that I received in my own formation."

Fr. Kuharski grew up in Northeast Minneapolis in the parish of St. Charles Borromeo. He is the youngest of 13 children and has 27 nieces and nephews.

Father Andrew Jaspers is in his sixth year of priesthood. He is from Lake Crystal, Minn., and earned his undergraduate degree from Marquette University and graduate degrees from Fordham University (Master of Arts in Philosophy) and The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity (Master of Arts in Theology and Master of Divinity).



Before joining the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Father Jaspers was a Jesuit retreat master and parish mission preacher of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola in the Midwest for five years. He taught philosophy and theology at Creighton University in Omaha from 2005-2008, and he currently teaches philosophy at the University of St. Thomas.

Father Jaspers has served as associate pastor at St. John Neumann parish in Eagan, St. John the Baptist in New Brighton, and St. Agnes in St. Paul, where he also taught 11th-grade theology. Last year he served at the Cathedral of Saint Paul and SJV. Father Jaspers likes to play piano and waterski.

"As Baldwin of Canterbury noted," said Fr. Jaspers, "'Discernment is the mother of all the virtues.' I look forward to helping these bright men discern God's will for their lives and grow in all of the virtues."

Celebrating our Blessed Mother



Friends, family, and benefactors gathered at the fifth annual Spring Mass and May Crowning on May 6. The SJV community celebrated the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary in St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel. Archbishop Bernard Hebda celebrated the Mass with Fr. Becker.



Following Mass, Board Member Bill Malkowiak provided a warm welcome, Fr. Jonathan Kelly blessed the meal, and guests were entertained by an all-seminarian jazz band.



SAVE THE DATE
April 25, 2019

In lieu of the 2019 Spring Mass and May Crowning, the SJV community will celebrate 50 years of priestly discernment and formation on Thursday, April 25, 2019. Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, will be the keynote speaker. Please join us as we honor the past, celebrate the present and hope for the future. Invitations forthcoming.

Most Reverend José Gomez

Vianney Cup an Annual Success

The 14th Annual Vianney Cup was held on Monday, September 17, at Midland Hills Country Club. A full field of golfers enjoyed a partial round before rain accelerated the remaining events of the day.

Despite the weather, our friends and benefactors generously supported the SJV seminarians by raising more than \$170,000! Funds raised at this event provide the essential formation today for tomorrow's Catholic priests.

Fantastic prizes were given away, and golfers and dinner guests enjoyed the company of Super Bowl Champ Matt Birk and Hobey Baker Award Winner Brian Bonin. Highlights of the evening included inspirational testimonies shared by Max Mauch-Morff and Alex Lorang, reminding guests that their generosity directly benefits them and their brother seminarians.

SAVE THE DATE
The 15th Annual
Vianney Cup
September 16, 2019
Midland Hills Country Club



Rectors Bowl XIX

The Saint John Vianney College Seminary JAXX entered this year's Rectors' Bowl holding the coveted trophy after a win in 2017. But on October 6, The Saint Paul Seminary Sons of Thunder took home the trophy after defeating the JAXX 12-6 in double overtime.



The men played hard, prayed hard and ended the evening with a blessing from the rectors.



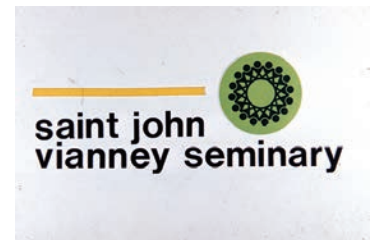
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY COLLEGE

Honor the Past

1968

Saint John Vianney College Seminary is founded.

Seminarians live in Loras Hall on the South Campus of the University of St. Thomas before moving to Brady Hall on the North Campus.



1971-1981

Fr. John Pierre, Rector.

1968-1971

Fr. John Roach, serves as first Rector of SJV and is later appointed Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.



1981-1987

Fr. Richard Pates, Rector (later appointed Bishop of Des Moines).



SEMINARY 1968-2018



1982

Archbishop John Roach and Rector Msgr. Richard Pates break ground on the new SJV building in the northeast corner of the campus.

1992-1999

Fr. Peter Christensen, Rector (later appointed Bishop of Superior, Wisconsin, and currently Bishop of Boise, Idaho).

1987-1990

Fr. Kevin McDonough, Rector.

1990-1992

Fr. Dale Korogi, Rector.

1984

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, visits SJV. The community gathering space at SJV is now called the Pope Benedict Room where the Pontiff's zucchetto is on display.

1998

The first group of SJV seminarians study at the Dominican Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (The Angelicum) in Rome for a semester. Twenty years later, more than 90 percent of the men participate in the Rome Program.



Celebrate the Present

Vianney

1999-2010

Fr. William Baer (below left),
Rector.

2002

Pastores 21 begins, providing opportunities for seminarians to interact with local professionals who live their Catholic faith in the workplace. Renamed Virtuous Business Leaders, this large-group presentation format, followed by small-group discussions, provides SJV seminarians with valuable interaction with joyful, Catholic leaders.

2000

The SJV JAXX face The Saint Paul Seminary Sons of Thunder in the first Rectors' Bowl, an annual football game played on the UST football field. The winning team goes back to their seminary with bragging rights and the Rector's Trophy.



2004

The first Vianney Cup is held to benefit seminarian formation.





2005

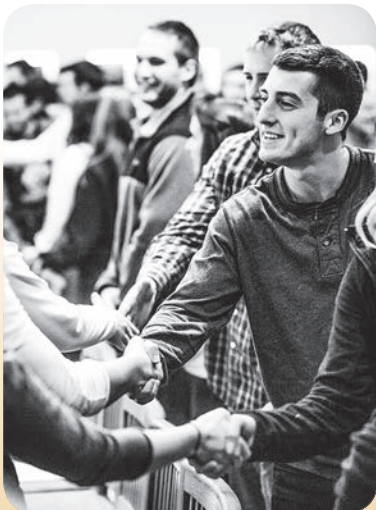
The first annual Borromeo Weekend is held to increase fraternity among the SJV men and their brother seminarians at The Saint Paul Seminary. The weekend begins with a Friday evening Mass in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas, followed by a candlelight procession to St. Mary's Chapel on the south campus. 40 hours of prayer and Eucharistic adoration concludes with an all-community Mass on Sunday morning.



2008 – UST Head Football Coach Glen Caruso and the SJV seminarians establish “Caruso’s Crew” to cheer on the Tommies at home games.

2006

Fr. Bill Baer celebrates the first Last Chance Mass for six students. More than 12 years later, approximately 300 people attend the popular 9:00 p.m. Sunday Mass during the academic year.



2010-present

Fr. Michael Becker, 8th Rector of Saint John Vianney College Seminary.



Hope for the Future

2013

The First Spring Mass and May Crowning is celebrated with friends of SJV. The 5th annual event was held on May 6, 2018.



2016

SJV seminarians reside at the Pontifical Irish College, their new home in Rome during a semester abroad.

2016

Go out into the world! SJV seminarians begin taking mission trips to Honduras to work with the poor and marginalized. Trips to India begin in 2017 and the Dominican Republic in 2018.





2018

More than 500 SJV alumni are serving as ordained priests today, including three bishops and one cardinal. Many more are serving as lay leaders and faith-filled witnesses building up the Catholic Church throughout the world.

2018

SJV's new brand unites its shared mission of priestly discernment and formation with The Saint Paul Seminary.



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY COLLEGE SEMINARY

The Seminaries of Saint Paul

2018-2019

SJV celebrates 50 years of faith, formation, fraternity, discernment and fidelity.



Anniversary Prayer

Heavenly Father, giver of all that is good, as Saint John Vianney College Seminary celebrates 50 years of priestly discernment and formation, we thank you for the men who have heard and answered your call. Grace our lay and ordained alumni with holiness of life. Help our seminarians to persevere as they prepare for a lifetime of service. By your Holy Spirit, empower all who enter these doors to proclaim the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ, with fidelity and joy. With great confidence, we entrust this mission to you and to our Blessed Mother Mary.

*St. John Vianney, pray for us.
St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.*

Saint John Vianney College Seminary



Fr. Aric Aamodt
St. Paul/Minneapolis



Fr. Ryan Adjoran
Joliet



Fr. Max Behna
Joliet



Fr. Dominic Bouck
Bismarck



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Fr. Vince Fernandez
Tulsa



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Alumni Ordained 2018



Fr. Taylor Leffler
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Fr. Peter (Toulee) Ly
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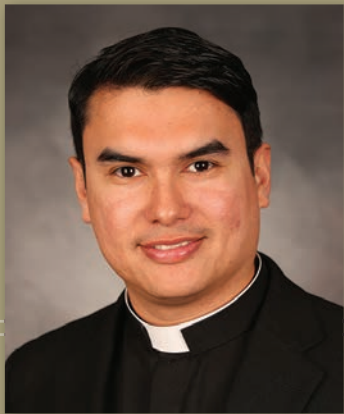
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Fr. James Olofson
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Fr. Gregory Parent
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Fr. Jhonatan Sarmiento
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Fr. Michael Steffes
Grand Rapids



Fr. Jarad Wolf
Bismarck

Honor, Celebrate, Hope

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all you do to help SJV accomplish its mission of providing essential formation today for tomorrow's Catholic priests!

It is with great joy that we share this special issue of *Vianney News*. In it, we invite you to celebrate SJV's 50th anniversary this year (1968-2018). Together, let us honor the past, celebrate the present, and share great hope for the future.

Join us as we look back at some milestones in SJV's first 50 years. We honor those who have gone before us, including rectors, priests, lay staff, seminarians, and benefactors. They paved the way, set the foundation and remained steadfast in the early years.

When SJV first opened in 1968, the backdrop was one of complex cultural and political trends, locally and around the globe. It was in this context that SJV emerged, thrived, and grew to one of the largest college seminaries in the country.

Fifty years later, we are living in another challenging time. Our prayers are with those who are suffering, particularly those who have been hurt by members of the Church. As it was in 1968, now is precisely the time to persevere in our mission. If effectively carried out, we can be part of the solution.

Today, we celebrate more than 500 SJV alumni who are serving as faithful priests, serving the people of God across the country. We celebrate the alumni who prayerfully discerned the vocation of faith-filled marriage. We celebrate the formation, devotion, and love for Christ and His church that is fostered at SJV. We celebrate the talented and committed priests who serve as spiritual directors and formators and carry on the traditions at SJV.

As we look to the future, we have hope in all that lies before us. As we continue to serve the people of God in the 19 dioceses represented at SJV, we remain joyfully committed to our mission. Our partnership with The Saint Paul Seminary is strong and is reflected in our new shared brand revealed here: The Seminaries of St. Paul.

While much has been done, we must remain diligent and faithful as we advance our mission. Let us unite our hopes and prayers to form more joyful, Catholic leaders! Thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will do for Saint John Vianney College Seminary.



Tizoc Rosales

In Christ,

Tizoc Rosales

Director of Development

Spotlight on Alumni

When Greg Billion was invited to attend a Vianney Visit weekend as a high school senior, he had no idea that it would change his life radically.

At the time, Billion was not seriously practicing his Catholic faith or discerning his vocation, but he was deeply moved by what he observed in the seminarians.

“Although I couldn’t put my finger on it, I saw that these men had what I had been seeking my entire life,” Billion recalled. “They had purpose, joy, and were living life to the full. In hindsight, it was Christ who these men had, and it was Christ who I had wanted all along.”

Diving into seminary life, Billion found what had attracted him during that chance visit: a life lived completely for Christ, for the Church, and for others. “Given the amount of growth I experienced during my time there,” he said, “I am eternally indebted to SJV for preparing me to lead a fully Christian way of life.”

After more than two years of formation, Billion followed a thorough discernment process and ultimately followed the Lord’s call to life as a lay man. But he is confident that his formators provided him with the right tools to discern the will of God.

“I left with the utmost consolation, pride and gratitude for the institution and how it shaped me into the man I am today. SJV fostered in me the gifts of prayer, study, discipline, leadership and service.”



Greg Billion



After college graduation, Billion taught in Oakland, California, while earning a Master of Education degree through the University of Notre Dame. He now teaches at Chesterton Academy in the Twin Cities, where he has taught classes in philosophy, theology, ancient history, Euclidean geometry, astronomy and biology. In his spare time, he is currently working on a Master of Arts degree in Humanities through the University of Dallas.

What is Billion’s prayer for SJV’s next 50 years?

“I pray that the rich traditions and character of SJV continue to bear fruit for the Church. It is a seminary that trains men in charity and sets them ablaze for Christ and his work. Whether the men become priests or husbands and fathers, the men at SJV will receive the preparation they need to keep the Church alive and well.”

SJV Alumni - We like to hear from you!

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Thursday, April 25, 2019

Please join us as we celebrate
Saint John Vianney College Seminary's 50th anniversary (1968-2018)
at the conclusion of this academic year.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles



Mass 5:15 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

Celebrated by Most Reverend Bernard Hebda, Archbishop of Saint Paul
and Minneapolis

Social 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Woulfe Alumni Hall, Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas

Invitations forthcoming. Event Sponsorships Available.

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