# **APRIL**

# 4 7 2024

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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### Mass Schedule

Mon-Sat - 8:30am; 9am on holidays Saturday Vigil 4pm Sunday 8am, 10am (online), 12pm (en español), 5pm

View Mass Online www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC

Chapel open for prayer Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

Confessions Saturdays 9:00am or by appointment

#### Office Hours

Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm, Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

> "Walk simply with the cross of the Lord and be at peace."

> > - St. Francis de Sales

"Camina simplemente con la cruz del Señor y estad en paz".

- San Francisco de Sales

## Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in the Digital Age: Embracing Faith in a Virtual World

In an era marked by rapid technological advancement and digital connectivity, the observance of religious traditions has undergone a transformative shift. Divine Mercy Sunday, a solemn feast celebrated by Catholics worldwide, is no exception. As believers navigate the complexities of the digital world, they are finding new ways to embrace and express their faith, even in virtual spaces.

#### UNDERSTANDING DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday holds significant importance within the Catholic faith, particularly for those devoted to the teachings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who experienced visions of Jesus Christ in the early 20th century. According to her accounts, Jesus instructed her to spread the message of His mercy to the world, emphasizing the need for repentance and forgiveness.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II officially designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, solidifying its place in the liturgical calendar. On this day, believers gather to reflect on the boundless mercy of God and participate in special devotions, including the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the veneration of the Divine Mercy image.



#### ADAPTING TO THE DIGITAL LANDSCAPE

With the proliferation of digital platforms and online communities, the faithful have embraced technology as a means to deepen their spiritual connections and share their beliefs with a global audience. This digital transformation has extended to the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday, offering new opportunities for participation and engagement.

Through live-streamed Masses, virtual prayer groups, and social media campaigns, Catholics are coming together in unprecedented ways to commemorate Divine Mercy Sunday. Online resources provide access to prayers, reflections, and educational materials, allowing individuals to engage in spiritual practices from the comfort of their homes.

#### CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

While the digital landscape offers immense potential for fostering religious community and spreading messages of mercy and compassion, it also presents challenges and complexities. The prevalence of online distractions,

## Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at: bit.ly/OLGC-Presider-Schedule

#### Sat. Apr. 6 / Sun. Apr. 7, 2024

- + Rath Eversmeyer
- + Alice Buenaflor
- + Ed Zdancewicz
- + Mary Willhite

Chela, Kevin & Susan Sejas (SP. For the Birthday of)

Monday, April 8, 2024

8:30am + Margaret Cordesman

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

8:30am For The OLGC Community

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

8:30am + Casildo and Dolores Gabayan

Thursday, April 11, 2024

8:30am + Marie Lydie Gaspard

Friday, April 12, 2024

8:30am + Kirby Gates

Saturday, April 13, 2024

8:30am +Salvatore Porte

#### Sat. Apr. 13 / Sun. Apr. 14, 2024

- + Francine Ronollo
- + Mercedes Dietz
- + Angel Serafin Cabrera
- + Eduardo Arancibia Chela, Kevin & Susan Seja

# Please keep those listed in the prayer intention book and the recently deceased in your prayers.

- + Germaine Mulvey
- + Mona Moharib

# We pry for those for whom candles are lit:

Church Special intention for

Eric & Alexis Schaeffer

Chapel In Loving Memory of

+ Marie-Lydie Gaspard

## **Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel**

e, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, strive to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by proclaiming our faith, educating ourselves and our children, sharing our persons, resources and gifts in the care and service of one another. We are called to foster an environment of hospitality in accordance with the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

Please be in contact with our staff if you have questions about any matter related to the life of the church. Below is a list of the many people here to help.

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Junione Charles Consejoria Cardades Catorica /00.720.010/

Our website, OLGCVA.org, is a source of lots of information about our parish life. There are a number of ways you can communicate with staff for specific needs through the site. The links below provide first steps to various things you may need.

OLGC Funerals: <a href="www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals">www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals</a>
Devotional Candles: <a href="www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship">www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship</a>

Join the Parish: olgcva.org/register

Schedule an Event: olgcva.org/about-us/facilities

Add Item to Bulletin/Media: <u>olgcva.org/about-us/communications</u>
Mass Intention Request: <u>olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass</u>

## Informacion Parroquial en español

Preguntas o sugerencias, ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por recién fallecidos, funerals, comuníquese con Maria 703.896.7419, mromero@olgcva.org





#### CONFESIONES

Confesión durante el mes de abril en español serán el sábado 20 de 9am a 9:30am y de lunes a jueves únicamente con cita. Puede llamar y hacer una cita con el Padre Mateo durante la semana al 703.938.2828 ext. 108. o envíe un correo electrónico a frhillyard@olgcva.org. No se escuchan confesiones los domingos en ninguna de las misas ni antes o después de ellas.

## **OLGC Grief Support Group**

OLGC will be offering a Grief Support Group that will walk with you on your journey through grief, and towards healing. Our next 8-week program will begin April 21, and will run through June 23. We will meet weekly, on Sundays, from 1:30 to 3:00pm at the St. Joseph's Center at OLGC. To sign up, or to get more information, please phone/text Brad Frison (703.801.9019 or email frison@verizon.net).



## **Annual Car Raffle**

Remember to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win four 2024 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Ranger Truck and Bronco Sport). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes.

The raffle once again benefits OLGC parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past.

We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please make your checks payable to All Saints. Payments and unsold tickets may be returned to the parish office.







Pictures are representative, not particular vehicles being raffled.



## Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of March 31-April 7, 2024

**SUNDAY Sunday of Divine Mercy**Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

## MONDAY Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

#### **TUESDAY**

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

#### WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

#### THURSDAY Memorial of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

#### FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

#### SATURDAY

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

#### SUNDAY Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

### **Monthly Collections**

Jan 2024Feb 2024Offertory166,808203,468Total Budgeted200,665180,930Variance(33,857)22,538YTD Received1,326,7171,530,185Budget YTD1,403,9821,584,912Variance(77,264)(54,727)

Fiscal Year July 2023-June 2024

#### Weekly & Second Collections

You may give with checks or cash via envelopes, give online at membership.faithdirect.net/VA875, or text amount to 703.810.7674. Thank you.

#### **April Collections**

- 7 Oblates Annual Appeal
- 28 Catholic Home Missions

# Calendar (Subject to change, updates at <a href="https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar">www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar</a>) April 8 — 14

MONDAY			8
Lamb Center Breakfast	6:45 - 7 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower	
Little Rock Scripture Study	10 - 11:30 AM	Zoom	
Rosary Makers	10 AM - 12 PM	SJC-Aviat Rm	
Funeral and Luncheon: Germaine Mulvey	11 AM - 1 PM	Chapel, DeSales Hall	
Quilters	11 AM - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
TUESDAY			9
Tuesday Bible Study	9:45 - 11:45 AM	Zoom	
Girl Scout Troop 50274	2:30 - 4:30 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Daisy Girl Scout Troop 50296	3 - 5 PM	School-Loft	
BSA Troop 976 Wolf Den	6 - 8 PM	Counsel Rm	
WEDNESDAY		-	10
Book Study	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Visitation & Funeral: Mona Moharib	10 AM - 12 PM	Church	
Girl Scout Troop 50198	3 - 4:30 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm, Aviat F	2m
Girl Scout Troop 50012	4:30 - 6 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
BSA Troop 976 meeting	6 - 8:30 PM	Counsel Rm	
RCIA Catechumenate	7:30 - 9 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Men's Basketball	8 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
THURSDAY			1
Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Girl Scout Troop 5689	4:30 - 5:30 PM	DeSales Hall	
Men's Basketball	8:30 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
FRIDAY			1:
CYO Track Registration Closes			
Girl Scout Troop 50118	2:45 - 4:45 PM	DeSales Hall	
Open Mic Night	7 - 10 PM	DeSales Hall	
SATURDAY			1;
Elementary CCF	8:30 - 10 AM	School	
Baptisms	10 - 11 AM	Church	
Elementary CCF	10:30 AM - 12 PM	School	
Vigil Mass & Commemoration of		5545 FFEE	
St Pedro Calungsod and Reception	4 - 9 PM	Church, DeSales Hall	
SUNDAY			14
Christ House Food Collection	9:30 AM - 1 PM	SJC parking lot	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	10 - 10:30 AM	Chapel	
Girl Scout Bake Off	10 AM - 4 PM	DeSales Hall	
Nightlife	6 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall	
Jr. High CCF	6:15 - 7:45 PM	School	

### 2ND COLLECTION APRIL 7

## **Oblate Annual Appeal**

The second collection today is taken up to assist in funding the various ministries supported by the Oblates of St. Francis De Sales. Your donation plays a central role in helping the Oblates to advance the sacred mission entrusted to them:

To preach the Gospel with gentleness and humility in the example of St. Francis de Sales.



## Divine Mercy Sunday in the Digital Age from page 1

misinformation, and divisive discourse can detract from the sacredness of religious observance, requiring believers to navigate carefully and discerningly.

However, amidst these challenges, there are also opportunities for innovation and creativity. Digital platforms enable the sharing of personal testimonies, the amplification of marginalized voices, and the formation of supportive networks for those seeking spiritual guidance and solace.

#### **EMBRACING FAITH IN A VIRTUAL WORLD**

As Divine Mercy Sunday unfolds in the digital age, believers are called to embrace their faith with openness and authenticity, both online and offline. While technology may serve as a conduit for religious expression, the essence of Divine Mercy lies in the transformative power of love, forgiveness, and compassion—a message that transcends the boundaries of screens and pixels.

By integrating technology with timeless spiritual practices, Catholics can cultivate a deeper understanding of God's mercy and share it with a global audience. Whether through virtual gatherings, online retreats, or digital outreach initiatives, the message of Divine Mercy continues to resonate across digital landscapes, inspiring hope, and healing in an ever-changing world.

As we navigate the complexities of the digital age, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to faith, embracing Divine Mercy as a guiding light in the virtual realm and beyond.

Rev. Mathias Kumar, OSFS

# CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome
Derek, Greg, Xintong,
Doreen, Jacqueline, Miriam,
Robert, William,
Layne, and Matthew
as they were received fully
into the Catholic Church
at the Easter Vigil.

May God continue to draw you ever closer to Himself!



# Your Little One Belongs Here!



## Our Lady of Good Counsel Preschool

offers a balanced approach to education, developing faith-filled, life-long learners through a developmentallyappropriate and play-based curriculum.



open house April 28 11am-12pm There are currently a limited number of openings for the 2024-25 school year in Preschool, as well as Kindergarten and 2nd grade classes. For more information about OLGC, call our admissions team at 703.938.3600, or email admissions@olgcschool.org with any questions.



## **Senior Moments**

Marge Van Lierde Gitkagirl@gmail.com 571.831.3951



#### SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

The next event for senior parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel will be on Thursday, April 18 at Noon in DeSales Hall. "April Bingo!" will feature a fresh, Spring menu planned for your dining pleasure, and there'll be Bingo for your entertainment! There's no charge, but reservations are important for planning purposes, and making one is easy. Email seasonedcitizens@olgcva.org, call Dagny, 703.281.5525, or RSVP to bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Apr2024. Please note that take-home meals are only available for homebound OLGC parishioners. Contact Heidi, heidilinksnyder@gmail.com, to make arrangements.



The Book Swap Table will be up and running again, thanks to your continuing donations of recent books and jigsaw puzzles. All are welcome to take something home!

### BREATHING EXERCISES FOR OPTIMAL BRAIN HEALTH

This is an adult fitness program and enrichment class offered by Vienna Parks & Recreation at the Vienna Community Center on Tuesday, April 26, 10-11 am. Are you happy with your current level of mental clarity or are you interested in improving? Would you like to sharpen your focus at work, achieve more in your favorite sport or just be "more together" in your everyday life? In this free course you'll learn breathing exercises designed to help support brain function. The presenter will be Charles Masarsky, DC, of Vienna Chiropractic Associates. Activity #340082-A1.

#### ONLINE FACT OR FICTION

This is another free class that's being offered at the Community Center on Monday, April 15 from 10-11 am. Do you believe everything you see online? There are plenty of sensationalized headlines, misleading stories, and even complete falsehoods circulating on the Internet, making it hard for even the most discerning to sort fact from fiction. This presentation will equip you with valuable tools and resources to help you stay safe online. Presented by AARP. Activity #441560-A1. Register for both classes using your WebTrac account or call the Center to let them know you'll be there: 703.255.6360.

#### **GREEN EXPO COMES TO VIENNA!**

Hosted by the Town of Vienna's Conservation and Sustainability Commission, this annual event features local exhibitors offering information on sustainable practices such as clean water, native plants, local wildlife, green landscaping, recycling, composting, zero waste, green living, and energy efficiency. For more information, email CSC@viennava.gov or call 703.319.8610. It'll be on Thursday, April 18 from 7-9 pm at the Community Center. This should be a very interesting event for those of you who are eco-conscious and want to preserve our environment.

#### **BINGO AT FOSTER'S GRILLE**

The Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia invites you to play Bingo at Foster's Grille, 138A Maple Avenue on April 22 from 4-6 pm. This is a great opportunity to take a break, meet neighbors and friends, and maybe stay and have dinner at this popular local restaurant. Play 10 games for \$10. All the while you're having fun, you'll benefit the Shepherd's Center (20% of the dining proceeds go to them) as they continue to provide free services for the older residents of Vienna and surrounding communities!

#### **LASAGNA LOVE**

Do you know someone in need of a hot meal? Maybe you are that someone. Reach out to this wonderful non-profit organization which provides lasagnas to individuals and/or families in need. We could all use a little help sometimes. This help just happens to be delicious! Go to <a href="https://www.lasagnalove.org">www.lasagnalove.org</a> to learn more. (Thanks to the Shepherd's Center for this information.)

# FREE HOME TREATMENT FOR COVID AND FLU

The first public health program providing at-home testing and treatment for COVID-19 and influenza is available nationwide after being tried in select locations. Funded by the NIH, the Home Test to Treat program offers round-theclock free telehealth care for enrolled individuals who test positive for COVID 19 or influenza A or B, regardless of whether they have insurance. Patients can have treatments prescribed by their telehealth clinicians delivered to their home or local pharmacy. Uninsured people can request free tests through the program. The program runs through April 16. Go to www.test2treat.org to determine eligibility and to register, or call 800.682.2829, or email hometest2treat@emed.com.

## **Elder Wisdom**

In old age, you don't get feelings, only symptoms.

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# The Gala is coming up on Saturday, April 20th!

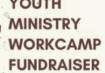
2 Hour Cocktail Hour & Silent Auction **Dinner & Live Auction** Band, Dancing & Fellowship

This is your final opportunity to donate a basket, donate to our auctions, sponsor the event, become a community sponsor, and volunteer.

This year's auction proceeds will be put towards new teacher laptops at OLGC School, enhancements to De Sales Hall, and technology and upgrades to the School Multimedia Center. We can't wait to see you at the Gala!









## Help us be the hands and feet of Christ!

Take a cross nail from the display in the Narthex and make the suggested donation (or anything you can). Your donation helps offset the cost for our high school youth group members and adult volunteers participating in Workcamp (a week-long service experience helping the less fortunate) this summer.



Scan the QR Code or drop-off Cash/checks payable to "Our Lady of Good Counsel" (Write "Workcamp" in the memo line). Donations may be dropped off at the Administration Building

Contact: Derek Rogers, Director of Faith Formation drogersolgcva.org

## SAVE THE DATE!

## SUNDAY MAY 19TH

3:45 & 6:15 PM SEATINGS 5:00 PM MASS FOR ALL



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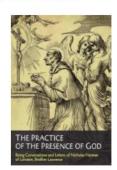
STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS. SEE YOU THERE!





# OLGC Spring Book Study: The Practice of the Presence of God

Our OLGC book study is back beginning Wednesday, April 10. This 5-week session will have us spend some time with Carmelite Br. Lawrence in The Practice of the Presence of God.



Through his conversa-

tions, letters, and maxims of how we should live, Br. Lawrence emphasizes the need to cultivate a sense of the presence of God in our soul and in our world.

All are invited to join fellow parishioner and adult catechist, Ann Marie Mack as we look to this spiritual classic for how to model our lives after Br. Lawrence, whose "little way" makes our burdens light and rejoices the heart.

Wednesday mornings, April 10-May 8, 9:30 - 11 am Fr. Brisson Room, St. Joseph Center

Reading the book is not required to participate in the class but for those wishing to have a copy of the book, a limited number of books have been pre-ordered [to ensure everyone has the same edition] and can be reserved through Ann Marie. Due to limited seating, registration is encouraged.

Contact Ann Marie at <u>annmarie-mack@gmail.com</u>.

## Virtus Training Session at OLGC on April 20!

All adult volunteers who work with children are required to fully comply with Diocesan child protection requirements. This includes volunteers in school, sports, Scouts, and CCF & Youth Ministry.

A required VIRTUS training session for volunteers will be offered at OLGC on Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m. in DeSales Hall. The session will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. No one can enter DeSales Hall once the session has begun, so please plan on arriving prior to the session's start. Participants must preregister for the session as outlined below.

## THE 4-STEP CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- Complete the OLGC volunteer form at <u>olgcva.org/outreach/</u> <u>serve/volunteer-children/</u> <u>form</u> so we can track the progress of your background check.
- 2. Complete the Office of Child Protection background check questionnaire at <u>arlingtondiocese.org/Child-</u> <u>Protection</u>
- Once you have completed Step 2, you will be prompted to register for the in-person, 4-hour session (Protecting God's Children for Adults) at a Catholic parish in Northern Virginia. Follow the directions given in a separate email. Please do not register

for a VIRTUS training session prior to completing Step 2, and do not go directly to the VIRTUS website to register for a class. Doing so may lose your record of attending the session!

4. You will be contacted by Our Lady of Good Counsel via mail to sign and return your CPS Form, which will be generated from the information you submit in step 2. If there are any problems with the information on your CPS Form, you will be contacted via email by OLGC's Child Protection Liaison.

Please contact Christine Moan, Child Protection Liaison, at **cmoan@olgcva.org** with any questions.

Spots fill quickly, so get started now. Thank you for your volunteer service to our Parish & School!



## **Sponsors Needed for Adult Catholic Confirmation**

The OLGC faith formation team is preparing several Catholic adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Burbidge on May 19th. The Bishop confirms Catholic adults who have not been yet Confirmed once per year. It is a beautiful, Diocese-wide event.

We are in need of parishioners who can step in and serve as sponsors

for that important day. The time requirement will be minimal. This will give you an opportunity to share your faith, meet new people, and be a welcoming presence for new parishioners. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about what's involved, please contact Barb Steele at <a href="mailto:rcia@olgcva.org">rcia@olgcva.org</a>.

## **DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **'Ecumenical Future' Symposium**

The Washington Theological Consortium will host a symposium and panel discussion on "The Ecumenical Future," that honors the legacy of Oblate Father John Crossin, OSFS (1947–2023), on April 18 in Washington, D.C.





The symposium will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine, 4250 Harewood Rd NE, Washington, D.C., after an Eastern Christian prayer service at 6:30 p.m. A Q&A session and reception—with reflections on Father Crossin's legacy—will follow the panel discussion.

The symposium is open to the public. Register on the WTC website (washtheocon.org). The symposium will be livestreamed; the video will be available following the event.

## **Upcoming Diocesan Events**

Visit <u>arlingtondiocese.org/all-events</u> for details

The Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar & Our Blessed Lady Women's Silent Retreat

Friday, April 5 | 6:00pm

Transitional Diaconate Ordinations 2024 Saturday, April 6 | 11:00am

Day of Prayer and Healing Saturday, April 6 | 9:00am

Catholic Dating Tips: Practical pointers for meeting, dating, and marrying someone who shares your faith Friday, April 12 | 7:30pm

## **Parent Night**

The Associates of St. John Bosco invites all parents of high school juniors and seniors to attend their second annual "Parents Prepared" Parent Night. This engaging evening will help parents prepare for what lies ahead for their children entering college in the coming years. Parents will gain practical insights into what steps they can take to help their children keep their Catholic faith in college. Speakers include: Deacon Gerard-Marie Anthony, Danielle Zuccaro, and David and Margaret Bereit. The event will take place at the Basilica of St. Mary's Lyceum (313 Duke St.) on May 14, 2024 at 7pm. RSVP for free at

www.asjb.org/parents-prepared.



## **Spiritual Date Night**

Looking to strengthen your marriage and your relationship with Christ? Please join us for A Spiritual Date Night on Sat., Apr. 13, from 7:30-9 p.m. Join other Catholic couples for dessert, fellowship, spiritual talk, and reflection. There

will also be the opportunity for Confession. The event will be held at Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Drive, Sterling. To learn more or to register, contact Charlie and Leslie McCullough at <a href="mailto:cwmccfamily@gmail.com">cwmccfamily@gmail.com</a>.



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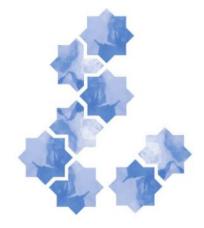
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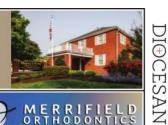
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