

Celebrating
our past . . .



25th
Anniversary

as we move toward a
future full of hope

2013 Annual Report
National Religious Vocation Conference

*For I know well the plans I have in mind for you
... a future full of hope (Jeremiah 29:11).*



THIS BRIEF QUOTE from the prophet Jeremiah tells us two simple truths: God's plans are always good and these plans always lead us to further good, namely hope and a future.

To discover God's plan for NRVC, the NRVC Executive Board carefully and prayerfully participated in a complex strategic planning process that included the engagement of financial, organizational management, and other outside consultants. Our purpose was to build NRVC's internal and external capacity so that NRVC may continue to provide quality services and resources in vocation ministry for both the Church and religious institutes.

By implementing this strategic plan with the generous support of foundations and our benefactors, NRVC has expanded our outreach and services to religious institutes, discerners, and various church organizations so that religious life may have a "future full of hope."

As you read through this annual report for 2013, you will see how hope remained abundant throughout the year. It was in the faces of the hundreds of pilgrims who met with women and men religious at the NRVC Vocation Veranda at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro. It was in the energy and the quality of sharing of the participants at our Women and Men Religious Moving Forward in Hope gatherings. It was in the enthusiastic, positive response from our members to the news of NRVC's establishment of the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations (NFCRV), an initiative intended to assist congregations in accepting candidates with educational debt.

This hope is further reinforced as NRVC concludes its 25th Jubilee celebration and the universal Church begins the Year of Consecrated Life as declared by Pope Francis. Yes, God's plans are always good and hope for the future remains abundant.

I am grateful to the many people who built and sustained NRVC through the years and for the many religious institutes, friends, collaborators, and foundations that continue to support our mission of promoting and strengthening vocations to religious life. You are part of the NRVC mission and for this I thank God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C.
Executive Director

2013 HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES



Happy 25th Anniversary, NRVC!

In November NRVC launched a year-long commemoration celebrating its founding and its 25 years of serving the Church and religious institutes in vocation ministry. The year began with the publication of an official “NRVC Jubilee Prayer” and a special issue of HORIZON highlighting this important milestone. In addition, on the 25th day of each month of the jubilee year, all NRVC members receive an email featuring a retrospective of significant happenings in NRVC’s history. The 12-month celebration will culminate at the 2014 Convocation, which will be held at the Chicago O’Hare Marriott Hotel from November 6-10.

We give thanks to God for all that has been, and for all that is yet to be, as we continue to build and strengthen NRVC in the future.

NRVC, VISION shine at World Youth Day!

World Youth Day 2013 exceeded everyone’s expectations in drawing over 3 million pilgrims to Rio de Janeiro! NRVC and VISION Vocation Guide partnered with the Knights of Columbus, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Holy Cross Family Ministries, Canadian Salt + Light TV, Paulist Media, the Pontifical Mission Society, and a number of other organizations in their sponsorship of the Vivo Rio, a “home away from home” for English-speaking pilgrims.

NRVC and VISION combined efforts to offer a warm, welcoming environment for pilgrims wishing to talk to a priest, brother, or sister about their life, faith, or vocation. Confession and spiritual counseling were also available. Staffing the Vocation Veranda



Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C. with World Youth Day pilgrims in Rio, July 2013.

were Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C.; Sister Debbie Borneman, SS.C.M.; Father Anthony Vinson, O.S.B., NRVC Board member; Patricia Tuohy, executive editor of VISION, along with her VISION team, and a volunteer pool of religious sisters, brothers, and priests who made themselves available to the many pilgrims who passed through the Vocation Veranda.

We appreciate your support in Rio and hope that you and others will join us for the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations established

In response to the 2012 NRVC/CARA Study on Education Debt and Religious Vocations, NRVC announced the establishment of the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocation (NFCRV).

This Fund, with the generosity of a \$2.55 million grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and a \$193,000 grant for office start-up costs



from the GHR Foundation, will be designed to financially assist NRVC member religious institutes in their welcome of candidates with educational debt. Mr. Mark Teresi, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement at Mundelein Seminary, has been hired as the project director to lead this exciting new initiative.

The goal is to issue the first grants to canonically-recognized, religious institutes who are NRVC members during the Year of Consecrated Life.

As a more immediate response to this pressing issue, NRVC published a “Handbook on Educational Debt and Vocations to Religious Life” which serves as a resource to major superiors, vocation directors, and treasurers. This Handbook is available for download on the NRVC website.

NRVC launches new website

NRVC is currently sporting a more contemporary look with its newly launched website. This highly sophisticated website now has a front-page carousel of photos, news feed, dual-menu system, quick reference points, and other user friendly features, including a fully searchable online Member Directory, web index, and Member Institute Directory. NRVC extends its grati-



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tude to Patrice Tuohy from TrueQuest Communications, Curtis Long from ideaPort Consultants, and the entire team of designers and programmers for their dedicated commitment to this project.

“Keys to the Future” Project continues



Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters on the day they used the NRVC's Keys to the Future program.

Although the “Keys to the Future” project was launched in June 2012, religious institutes continue to utilize this unique program designed to help communities review where they are with new vocations and to find constructive ways to make progress. The project’s final report, which includes a summary of how congregations have used the “Keys to the Future” program as well as evaluations of the program, may be found at www.nrvc.net.

NRVC is central at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

Catholic teens had a chance to meet and converse with more than 200 vocation ministers and members of religious communities who attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis November 20-23, 2013. The NCYC is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM).

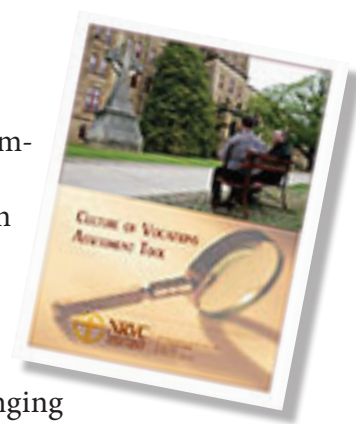
Vocation ministers from 62 religious institutes formed 35 teams and worked together to promote vocations to religious life as a viable option in the Catholic Church. Vocation teams volunteered at seven Spirit Stations and at the new Inspiration Nook, a welcoming space where teens, parents, and youth ministers could

ask questions and have meaningful conversations with religious sisters, brothers and priests. NRVC coordinated the Inspiration Nook.

Thanks to the leaders of NCYC and the efforts of NRVC’s associate director, Sister Debbie Borneman, SS.C.M., NRVC members were able to meet and speak with thousands of Catholic teens. More than 20,000 young people and their chaperones and youth ministers took part in the conference. Sister Debbie Borneman, SS.CM and Father Vince Wirtner, C.P.P.S., NRVC board member, each gave workshops on “Women of Faith/Men of Faith: Following the Call.”

Women and men religious moving forward in hope

Due to the popularity of the “Women Religious Moving Forward in Hope” workshops held in 2012, an additional gathering was hosted in 2013. The workshops provided a unique forum for vocation and leadership personnel to increase their awareness about changing Church demographics and the profile and diversity of today’s Catholic women. Teams of vocation directors and major superiors developed concrete action plans and agreed to increase their outreach to young adults and to further educate their membership on what people are seeking in religious life today. The final report for these workshops may be found at www.nrvc.net. NRVC is deeply grateful to the GHR Foundation for its support of this project.



Likewise, NRVC initiated the “Men Religious Moving Forward in Hope” in December 2013. With a slightly different focus from the women’s workshops, the participants were given a “Culture of Vocations Assessment Tool.” This research-based instrument, written specifically for men religious, helps the user evaluate key areas of community life that can either promote or detract from new membership. Both of these programs were intended to generate more proactive action and greater ownership of vocation ministry on behalf of the entire religious institute.

Executive Director meets with Cardinal Braz de Aviz

NRVC’s executive director, Brother Paul Bednarczyk,

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C.S.C., met with Cardinal Braz de Aviz, prefect of the Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life in Rome. The purpose of the meeting was to apprise the Cardinal about the multiple programs and projects NRVC is sponsoring to strengthen and promote religious life in the United States. Cardinal Braz de Aviz listened with keen interest, asked several questions, and expressed his gratitude to all of the religious vocation directors in the United States for their essential work in the Church.

Regional NRVC coordinators meet to boost local NRVC experience

With the goal of strengthening regions and their leadership, NRVC hosted a meeting of regional coordinators from May 6-8 at the Felician Motherhouse in Chicago. The agenda included a discussion on reconfiguring regions, best practices for regional meetings and participation, updates on NRVC's programs and advocacy for religious vocations nationally and internationally, and presentations on HORIZON, VISION, and the forthcoming NRVC website. The gathering drew high praise from the participants. It was agreed that such a meeting should be held annually.

HORIZON redesigns, earns six press awards

HORIZON rolled out a new, award-winning design in 2013, featuring a color photo on the cover, more photos throughout, and a new logo. Readers have greeted the changes enthusiastically.

The journal continued its thoughtful reporting and analysis of vocation ministry and related issues. In November 2013, HORIZON kicked off NRVC's 25th Jubilee year with a special edition that included both fun features, such as a pictorial history of NRVC, and reflective articles on the dramatic shifts happening in religious life and the theology of vocation ministry.

HORIZON's editorial excellence in 2013 earned it six awards from the Catholic Press Association. The journal earned honors in the categories of best essay, best review, best feature article, general excellence, best regular column, and best redesign.

VISION Vocation Network expands its network

VISION Vocation Guide remains the most comprehensive vocation resource available in print and online for men and women discerning a vocation to religious life. In the past year VISION not only continued to provide high quality articles and videos for discerners, but it was honored by the Catholic Press Association with a general excellence award for its website among other awards for editorial excellence.

In the spring of 2013, through the generosity of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, VocationNetwork.org began the long road of updating and optimizing its website and in the process introduced several new features, including a video index and an alert option in the events calendar for discerners to learn of new posts. With an emphasis on its role as a "network," VISION also began following the social networking guidelines it developed early in 2013 to enhance reader engagement.

In July after being invited to help plan the "Vocation Veranda" for the English-speaking pavilion, VISION attended World Youth Day in Rio. The VISION team distributed tens of thousands of VISION pens and bookmarks and had over 2,500 young Catholics sign up to receive *Take Five for Faith* reflections, published by TrueQuest Communications (in which VISION is promoted each day). VISION continued to strengthen and expand its presence in the U.K. Patrice Tuohy and Carol Schuck Scheiber along with NRVC Executive Director Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C. met in the spring and summer with representatives from the U.K and Ireland to discuss the possibilities for continued collaboration.

In the fall of 2013 with Pope Francis' announcement that 2015 would be designated the Year of Consecrated Life, VISION editors began planning a special expanded 2015 issue that was published in August of 2014. VISION also made plans to develop and distribute other parish resources for the Year of Consecrated Life throughout 2014 and 2015.



HORIZON international editorial board members and NRVC staff in Chicago. Standing are Sister Debbie Borneman, SS.CM.; Carol Schuck Scheiber; Andrew O'Connell; Sister Cathy Jones, R.A. Kneeling are Liam Dockery of Ireland and Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C.



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Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community . . .

—POPE FRANCIS

2013 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

NRVC is privileged to collaborate and partner with several Church organizations in their promotion of consecrated religious life. Their support is integral to our mission and helps us to sustain the vocation culture we celebrate.

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM)
National Religious Retirement Organization (NRRO)
Religious Brothers Conference (RBC)
Serra, USA Council
United States Conference of Secular Institutes (US-CSI)

Major Collaborating Organizations

Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM)
Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR)
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Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)
National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD)
Resource Center for Religious Institutes (RCRI)
Religious Formation Conference (RFC)
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Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations



Panelists at the 2013 J.S. Paluch Vocation seminar discuss the theme: “Personal Relationships: A Key to Promoting a Culture of Vocations.” NRVC continues to be grateful to the J.S. Paluch Company for their sponsorship of their annual vocations seminar for church leaders and ministers.

Partner Organizations

Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA)
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
Catholic Press Association (CPA)
Catholic Volunteer Network (CVN)
Catholics on Call
Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA)
Communicators for Women Religious (CWR)
Institute on Religious Life (IRL)
National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC)
National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
National Conference of Vicars for Religious (NCVR)
National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association (NCYAMA)

International Vocation Organizations

Catholic Vocation Ministry Australia (CVMA)
European Vocations Services (EVS)
National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors (Canada)
National Service for the Evangelization of Youth and for Vocations, French Bishops’ Conference, Paris
Office of Vocations, Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales
Vocations Ireland



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National Religious Vocation Conference Statements of Activities Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	2013			2012		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUES AND SUPPORT						
Membership	\$ 124,536	\$	\$124,536	\$ 88,550	\$	\$88,550
Contributions and grants	60,418	233,300	293,718	64,800	827,950	892,750
Publications and resources	104,649		104,649	96,471		96,471
In-kind donations	98,967		98,967	60,289		60,289
Honoraria	15,070		15,070	9,201		9,201
Workshops and programs	162,870		162,870	282,409		282,409
Investment income (loss)	62,100		62,100	37,295		37,295
Miscellaneous income	324		324	400		400
Net assets released from restriction	528,051	(528,051)	-	396,037	(396,037)	1,035,452
TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT	1,156,985	(294,751)	862,234	1,035,452	431,913	1,467,365
EXPENSES						
Salaries and benefits	197,638		197,638	225,141		225,141
Administrative and general	112,555		112,555	106,074		106,074
Board and committees	26,568		26,568	34,905		34,905
Publications and resources	64,902		64,902	64,405		64,405
Workshops and programs	100,372		100,372	198,756		198,756
Moving Forward in Hope	125,112		125,112	107,082		107,082
Hilton Foundation educational debt	103		103	6,608		6,608
Hilton Foundation program expense	268,338		268,338	248,333		248,333
GHR Foundation program expense	3,601		3,601	7,600		7,600
Porticus Foundation expense	45,354		45,354	48		48
In-kind donations	98,967		98,967	60,289		60,289
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,043,510		1,043,510	1,059,242		1,059,242
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	113,475	(294,751)	(181,276)	(23,790)	431,913	408,124
NET ASSETS						
Beginning of year	268,267	718,918	988,185	292,056	288,005	580,061
END OF YEAR	\$ 381,742	\$ 425,167	\$ 806,909	\$ 268,267	\$ 719,918	\$ 988,185

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The following list reflects all gifts received from Jan. 1, 2013, to Dec. 31, 2013. Any donation or service received after that time will be included in next year's report. Every effort was made to acknowledge all gifts received. We regret any errors or omissions and would appreciate receiving the corrected information.

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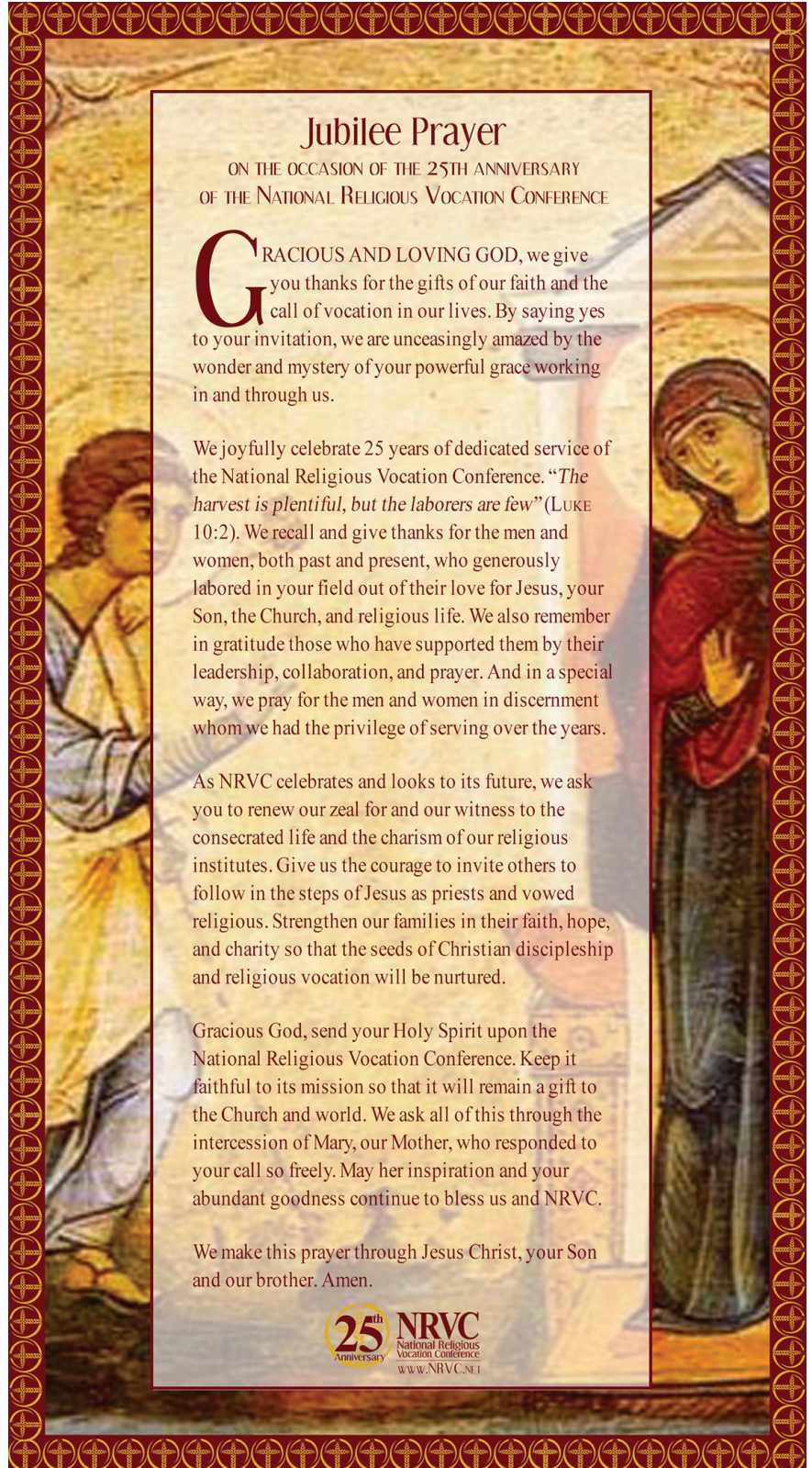
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Jubilee Prayer

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS VOCATION CONFERENCE

GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, we give you thanks for the gifts of our faith and the call of vocation in our lives. By saying yes to your invitation, we are unceasingly amazed by the wonder and mystery of your powerful grace working in and through us.

We joyfully celebrate 25 years of dedicated service of the National Religious Vocation Conference. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (LUKE 10:2). We recall and give thanks for the men and women, both past and present, who generously labored in your field out of their love for Jesus, your Son, the Church, and religious life. We also remember in gratitude those who have supported them by their leadership, collaboration, and prayer. And in a special way, we pray for the men and women in discernment whom we had the privilege of serving over the years.

As NRVC celebrates and looks to its future, we ask you to renew our zeal for and our witness to the consecrated life and the charism of our religious institutes. Give us the courage to invite others to follow in the steps of Jesus as priests and vowed religious. Strengthen our families in their faith, hope, and charity so that the seeds of Christian discipleship and religious vocation will be nurtured.

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon the National Religious Vocation Conference. Keep it faithful to its mission so that it will remain a gift to the Church and world. We ask all of this through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, who responded to your call so freely. May her inspiration and your abundant goodness continue to bless us and NRVC.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother. Amen.



As in all things, the NRVC Jubilee began with a prayer. The specially composed Jubilee prayer was sent to members in November 2013 at the commencement of the 25th Jubilee year. The year will conclude at the 2014 NRVC Convocation in Chicago.

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2013 NRVC MEMBERSHIP

Professional	448	Total membership reflects:	
Associate	131	Sisters	674
Group Associate	293	Priests/ Deacons	156
Partner	27	Brothers	60
Collaborators	44	Laypeople	53
		International members	88
Total Members	943	International institutes	13
Total Institutes	405		

MISSION OF THE NRVC

The National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) is a professional organization of vocation ministers that presents religious life as a viable option in the Catholic Church. NRVC promotes vocation awareness, invitation, and discernment to life as a religious sister, brother, or priest. NRVC reflects all forms of religious life and provides educational opportunities, resources, and other supportive services for spiritual, professional, and personal growth.

NRVC GOAL #1

The NRVC proclaims a positive and hopeful image of religious life in the Church and society, while affirming the call to holiness of each person.

NRVC GOAL #2

The NRVC provides education, resources, networking, and support to its members and others involved in vocation work.

NRVC GOAL #3

The NRVC promotes dialogue among national organizations concerned with Church vocations, in particular to religious life.

NRVC GOAL #4

The NRVC recognizes and values the diversity within our church and strives to be inclusive of this diversity in all of its endeavors and programs.

NRVC GOAL #5

The NRVC fosters dialogue on vocational issues with a variety of church organizations with special emphasis on those who serve young adults and parents.

NRVC GOAL #6

The Executive Director, staff, and board of the NRVC ensure that the administrative responsibilities of the organization support and facilitate the purpose and mission of the organization.



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