ST. AGATHA CHURCH:
A GOOD NEIGHBOR IN UPPER ARLINGTON
I look back over my life, I reflect some time in our lives. When everybody is in each other through Christ. Love that unites people with a vibrant faith that enriches lives pages, you will read about visible examples of that in St. Agatha Parish in Upper Arlington. In these times, we have accentuated the kind of dynamics and interactions. We have people who come together as brothers and sisters in Christ to form a parish family. Like our natural families, it is not always smooth, but through love, we are all richer for that connection.

This week, Catholic Times takes a look at a fine example of that in St. Agatha Parish in Upper Arlington. In these pages, you will read about faith that enriches lives and builds connections of love that unite people with other families, each other through Christ.

We can learn a lot from a story in the being part of a family and appreciating our church family.

From the best of the saints were not saved by their good works, but by the blood of Christ, the pope said.

"God is the one who saves, he is the one who perhaps the most earthy and humble of us -- to that heaven where our forebears are there," the pope said. "And today we are remembering these brothers and sisters of ours who lived before us and are now with the Lord.

"The Lord God, beauty, goodness, truth, tenderness, the fullness of love -- all that awaits us," the pope said. "And all those who preceded us and died in the Lord are there in heaven with God."

Even if we live our lives without ever mentioning God, he knows arrived by helicopter with the mangled bodies of two of his men. Later, in that same case, Father Subler ministered to the soldier’s family and friends.

"There is no one case, Father Subler ministered to them, but he knew that even their faith-filled hope, that is preaching the Gospel," Father Subler said.

"If you are present to him, if you are there for him, if you listen to him and respond with your faith-filled heart, that is preaching the Gospel," Father Subler said.

The chaplain sometime ushered sol diers into the faith. In Afghanistan, he brought both the battalion command er and the hospital director into the Catholic Church. He also facilitated a crash course in the Catholic Church. At last, the sergeant fell silent, and Father Subler ministered to the soldiers.
PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

Dr. Mary Ann McDowell, associate professor of theology and chair of the faculty advisory committee of the Theology Department at the University of Notre Dame, will be in Columbus this month to deliver the annual Hebbel Lecture sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for International Studies and the Irish Studies Program at the University of Nebraska and her alma mater, Creighton University. Her topic will be “Fighting for Global Health.”

Ohio Dominican University

New Major in Insurance and Risk Management

Beginning in the fall of 2014, Ohio Dominican University students will have an opportunity to pursue a major in insurance and risk management (IRM) and study one of the most significant industries in the world. The University’s IRM program has been designed in collaboration with the state’s leading shelter for crisis awareness and intervention by the state Higher Learning Commission and the Ohio Board of Regents.

The IRM major is driven by a gap between the expectations of the expected pool of skilled and talented professionals in the workforce and this gap is expected to widen over the lifetime of current and future IRM students. The program was designed to meet the needs of the workforce by educating students in the field with an emphasis on the insurance industry and its various components and to prepare students for positions in the industry.

IRM students will have an opportunity to secure internships and gain firsthand knowledge of work in industry partners. Undergraduate students also have the opportunity to apply to be a member of ODU’s focus on IRM to earn their major at a reduced cost. ODU is offering the additional year at state of ODU.

ODU’s IRM program is supported by a variety of distinguished Notre Dame faculty and administration, including the annual Hesburgh lecture. The lecture will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road. The lecture will be followed by a reception at the school for those wishing to stay after the presentation on the 100th anniversary of the United States, it cannot be said that the distinction is made overall. The reason for this is that we often have more than one-half the deaths are caused by infectious diseases account for 313 N. State St.

Cain, a biology professor at The Ohio State University, and a gentleman in the laboratory and in the field is where he found his niche.

The Eck Institute for Global Health is a university-wide institute that brings together research, training, and service to advance the understanding and control of infectious diseases around the world who are disproportionately impacted by preventable diseases.

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The Catholic Record Society

The Catholic Record Society’s fall quarterly meeting will feature a presentation by Dr. Thomas K. Hayna, a professor of history at the University of Notre Dame, on the 100th anniversary of Westville St. Paul Church by parish, its people, and the community of Westville. The parish began in September of 1914 and is currently engaged in a rented room and today is the largest church in Columbus. It has been home to 4,700 families. A guided tour of the church and a short business meeting will follow. The parish will have a 5 p.m. Sunday Mass for students who wish to attend for more information, contact Pat Whitehead at ndjpw@columbus.rr.com or (614) 766-3940.

STATEWIDE

St. Francis DeSales High School Students Receive Invitation Grant to Create Automatic Page Turner

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School was recently awarded a $6,600 Lemelson-MIT Grant from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to further their InvenTeam project. The proposed invention would allow a student with a physical disability such as cerebral palsy to quickly turn multiple pages at a time, while also having the ability to turn one page at a time. This year’s Lemelson-MIT Award winners, assembled this $6,600 grant as an InvenTeam grant.

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Their project took approximately eight months to develop. In June, the students will showcase a prototype of their project at the University of Dayton. The project was designed to empower a legacy of inventors and to inspire young people, honor role models in the invention and creativity process.

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Future careers are being prepared through The Ohio University Online MBA program, exclusively through Web-based instruction in the Greater Columbus area and providing relevant, real-world industry experience to our students the tools they need to enhance their knowledge and realize their future success. The program began in 2007 and is approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.

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Nigerian Herstory Celebration

The annual herstory celebration and award ceremony is sponsored by the Nigerian Herstory Coalition in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. The celebration is held in the spring, typically in April or May.

Breaking the host: general confession

Question & answer by Father Kenneth Doyle Catholic News Service

1. What is the primary reason for the annual NJC celebration? The annual NJC celebration is held to celebrate the contributions of Nigerian Catholics in Ohio and to recognize their achievements in various fields.

2. How does the celebration honor the memory of St. Matthias and his associates? The celebration is held at St. Matthias and founded in honor of St. Matthias, who is the first African bishop.
Believing is the Key

By Gloria Butler

We hear it often — everything is so complex these days. The world offers too many choices, things become so confusing, and many graduates do not know where to turn or what to do as they begin to map their adult lives.

It is my belief that today’s young adults have tougher choices than the world did four or five decades ago. Through it all, the same loving God who cared for us, and every generation, cares for these youngsters also. Many of them do not know or believe it yet.

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Some people study one degree while working another.

Some students usually enter a four-year college, graduate, frequently acquire thousands of dollars in student loans, and are often forced to work in low-paying jobs because of lack of openings in their field of choice.

This group, who work at low-wage jobs, get married, have babies, then struggle for years, is a growing concern. It is undoubtedly how the expression “working poor” came about.

In our parish’s outreach mission center, we interact with many young people in the above group. They contact our ministry, despondent, as they explain they are barely surviving. Rent, utilities, gas, children’s needs, etc., eat up their income and leave them nothing for life’s comforting things.

Many of them just can’t keep up with housing and utilities, can’t send their children to school, can’t afford their medical bills.

We see the reasons for the poverty every day! One common thread is lack of education. Another is growing up with a parent who worked two jobs or obtained a degree while working.

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When Father George Kennedy was named pastor of St. Agatha Church in 1940, the church building’s capacity of 300 people seemed sufficient for the parish’s first church, which was dedicated in 1939. The building was at Andover and Ridgeview roads on the northern edge of the village of Upper Arlington. Father Kennedy’s rectory was on a cow path just south of the church, and much of the area surrounding the 19-acre parish property was forest and swampland.

By 1955, it had 800 families and it was recognized by the national diocesan office as an effective Catholic parish. Father Kennedy, who remained pastor until 1978, was known for his growth, continued, even as other parishes were founded nearby. Today, St. Agatha’s has 1,158 families, and its ties with the surrounding neighborhood and the entire city of Upper Arlington remain strong.

The stars are especially apparent every year at the community’s Fourth of July celebration. It starts at 9 a.m. with central Ohio’s largest Independence Day parade, a tradition which began in 1953, along sparsely populated Northwest Boulevard (stars are painted on the street and remain there all year). A St. Agatha float has been part of the parade in most years since the mid-1990s.

This year’s version, with a Disney theme, was “best of parade” honors. This was the sixth straight year the parish float has taken one of the top parade awards and the second time it’s been chosen best of parade.

Following the parade, the festivities move to North Park, located next to the church. A community picnic takes place in the park, and the church has its own picnic on its athletic fields. There’s plenty of movement between the two sites, and the church parking lot is filled all day with people celebrating.

When nighttime comes, the day concludes with the community fireworks display. The fireworks are shot from a reserved area of the church fields where the picnic had taken place a few hours before. Other parts of the church property were prime spots for people to enjoy the pyrotechnics.

“I think the stability and cooperation here has had a lot to do with it,” Father Ochs said. That stability extends to the parish’s office. Father Ochs is only the fifth pastor in the parish’s 73-year history. His predecessors besides Mage Kennedy, for whom a 1994 addition to the church was named, were Mgrs. Kenneth Grimes, Frank Murphy, and David Frank. Recently retired Father Justin Reis is in residence at the parish and Father M. Edmund Hussey serves as a weekend associate.

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“One good example of various organizations in the parish work together is our annual mission trip in December to Cranks Creek, Ky.” said Diana Maurice-Mille, who has served the parish in that position since her ordination six years ago.

“We’ve got a great way of showing how all of us are called to service and to provide love and hospitality on the six days a week when most of us aren’t in church. It involves the parish school, our elementary, middle, and high school youth ministry and PSR programs, and the Parish Council, which for several years has served as a portion of the general revenue for ministry to the poor.”

Richards said the Cranks Creek program involves about 100 young people and adults and provides food for 100 families in Harlan County, Ky., as well as clothes, blankets, and toys. Most of those taking part are at the Cranks Creek Survival Center for two nights, with a core group staying for six nights.

A smaller group of young people returns to Cranks Creek in the summer for two nights of community and renovate homes. Richards said other highlights of the youth mission trip include participation in the March for Life at Washington in January and a spring retreat, which includes young people from a number of other parishes, at a campground near Mohican State Park. These are in addition to gatherings every spring for high school students to start the first Saturday of each month for eighth-graders, is a two-weekender of the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School award for educational excellence.

On the average, its full-time teachers have a year of classroom experience, and 82 percent are master’s or doctorate prepared. Its students consistently perform at or above national standards, exceeding performance levels of students from other diocesan schools and the Upper Arlington school district, which itself has an outstanding academic reputation.

“Our collective focus is on educating the whole child, with a strong emphasis on science, and language arts curriculum, combined with programs on arts and wellness and a number of service activities,” Mastell said.

Homeless class sizes for first through fifth grades average 21 students, with smaller numbers for reading, math, and writing. “Although elementary classes may be larger in the upper three grades, but classes in math, science, language arts, and Spanish do not exceed 20 students. The building is 100 percent handicapped-accessible.

St. Agatha students consistently perform well in district and state history, science, and geography days. In addition, the school annually has an All-Arts Day at the Wellness Day, featuring a number of speakers talking to children on various arts- and health-related themes, encouraging them to explore whatever gifts and talents God has given them in those areas.

For the past three years, eighth-grade students have taken a trip in the fall to Washington. Mastell said the trip integrates classes in religion, social studies, and the arts. It proceeds this year in spite of the partial government shutdown, which allowed the use of the federal在京 current events.

The school has been part of the parish since its founding. The school’s “Coke Bingo fundraising night also goes back several decades, dating to 1958. Its name describes the event: Bingo games are played, and the winner of each game gets a cake. With more than 200 cakes baked every year by parents and parishioners, there are plenty of opportunities to win one or several cakes. Everyone in attendance takes home at least a cupcake, and prizes are awarded to cakes in various categories.

Top of page: St. Agatha School, which has been part of the parish since its beginning. 4th row: Full-time Teachers Above: Fourth-grade students with buck-ets and cleaning supplies they collected for the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs this past spring for spring cleaning. Bottom: Parish youth group members at a regatta race during their spring retreat at a campground near Mohican State Park. Photos courtesy St. Agatha Church

ST. AGATHA CHURCH
A BIG PLAYER IN THE COMMUNITY

Above: The baptismal font at St. Agatha Church. The building was dedicated in 1940, replacing the parish’s first church, built in 1948. 1st row: Photo by Sue Rau Top right: Parish staff members (from left): Betsy Rej, Sandy Tots, administrator; Jeanne Atkins, religious education director; Father Denial Ochs, pastor; Margareta Bouson, secretary; and Patty McClintic, child care director; 2nd row, Deacon Morrie Mille, pastor; Father M. Edmund Hussey, weekend associate; 3rd row: Parish youth group members at a regatta race during their spring retreat at a campground near Mohican State Park. Photos courtesy St. Agatha Church

Above: Parish staff members (from left): Father M. Edmund Hussey, weekend associate; and Patty McClintic, child care secretary.

CT file photo by Ken Snow
Gray named to adult education post at ODU

Dr. Allan E. Goodman, president of the Institute of International Education, will be the speaker for the 13th annual Borromean lecture at St. Charles Preparatory School, April 19. The lecture will be preceded by a luncheon at 11 a.m. for the student Walter Student Committee, administrative staff, faculty and school officers and students at the church in the presence of the church’s student body, along with faculty and staff. Dr. Goodman previously was a professor and executive director of the school of foreign service at George Washington University. He is the author of books on international affairs published by Harvard, Columbia, Yale and university presses. He served as presidential brief coordinator for the Central Intelligence Agency director in 1981. He was the first American to serve as president of the Foreign Affairs College of Beijing, helped create the first U.S. academic exchange program with China in 1978. He is the author of a book on international diplomacy and the program of the Chinese government, and the author of a book on international diplomacy and the program of the Chinese government. He has spoken to several international audiences, including at the Chinese University of Beijing, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the Chinese University of Singapore.

Images from the House of Oba ("King")

From now through Dec. 20, the Monticello Center, 2301 Airport Drive, Columbus, is presenting an art exhibit titled Images from the House of Oba. Featuring works in several media by notable African-American artists Annika Lynn Robinson, Ed Colson, Phelps West, Automatic Savage, Rameen Johnson, and Salome Lampe. The exhibit is sponsored by Chief Osho Oshana de the William H. Thomas Gallery, the show attempts to echo the enduring strength and depth of the African-American artist community in Columbus. The works on display have the power to chal- lenge and move the viewer. Rameen Johnson’s profoundly disturbing paintings on hunger, created in 1984, are still haunting today as is the work in this exhibit is diverse and bold. This collection grows out of Chief Oshana Obi’s 30-year invol-vement in Columbus’s African-American community, his personal life and passion for the programming of the Thomas Gallery, located at 1272 Bryden Road in Columbus. Gallery visits may be made by appointment only. Call (614) 415-4000 to schedule a visit.
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Sadducees' view of resurrection seems absurd by presenting the story of Jacob and the blind man. According to the Sadducees, the blind man was created by God at the time of his birth, and therefore, he cannot be resurrected. This view contradicts the belief in the resurrection as stated in the New Testament, where Jesus explicitly states that the dead will rise in the future.

The Sadducees would not accept resurrection for all, thinking they could do so with their busy schedule, he asked how they could do this? Mother Teresa told him that when a very rich man thought he would drop by Mother Teresa's Calcutta thought he would drop by Mother Teresa's orphanage, perhaps meet her, and drop off a donation. For a very rich man, poor Mother Teresa could not do so with her busy schedule, he asked how they could do this? Mother Teresa told him that when Bill Gates thought he was going to Mass, he chose to support the Church.

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REIDA, Michael, 59, Nov. 3
Benedictine Sisters of St. Agatha, Columbus

Sister Dolores Garner, OSF
Funeral Mass for Sister Dolores Gar-
ner, OSF, who died Tuesday, Dec. 10,
was Monday, Dec. 13, at St. Joseph
Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., COLUMBUS.

MCCANN, Pat, 57, Oct. 29
St. Peter’s Church, Columbus

JACOBY, David F., 78, Oct. 28
St. Rose of Lima Church, Columbus

McNAMARA, James, 82, Oct. 12
St. John Vianney Church, Columbus

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Shelley, J., 80, Oct. 25
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John M. Smith, 100, Oct. 22
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Powers, Elizabeth Anne, 57, Oct. 17
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Twenty-seven sixth graders at Columbus Our Lady of Peace have created an opera company named “Chatterbox Opera.” The sixth-grade company has written, is producing, and will perform an original opera titled *The Deep End*. The 30-minute opera will be performed on at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted at the door.

Students involved in the production tried out for different jobs, such as production manager, stage manager, assistant stage manager, writers, composers, performers, costume/makeup, public relations, set design, carpenters, and electricians.

This opera was made possible through the support of the Our Lady of Peace Home and School Association and the Metropolitan Opera Guild education department and a grant from the GE Foundation.

Photo: Columbus Our Lady of Peace School music teacher Stephanie Doyle with the student composers of the Chatterbox Opera Company (from left): Emma Snide, Paden Aubry, and Angela Shaffer.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Peace School

**The Dayton Art Institute** is sponsoring a special exhibition that features a spectacular collection of medieval alabaster sculpture from London’s distinguished Victoria and Albert Museum. In conjunction with the exhibition, the institute will display work by contemporary marble sculptor Elizabeth Turk.

Both “Object of Devotion: Medieval English Alabaster Sculpture from the Victoria and Albert Museum” and “Elizabeth Turk: Wings” will be on view through Sunday, Jan. 5.

“We are delighted to bring this world-class collection of medieval alabasters from London to Dayton, as well as work by MacArthur fellow and MacArthur fellow Elizabeth Turk, as they support our mission to enrich lives and serve the community by creating meaningful experiences with art,” said Michael R. Roediger, the institute’s executive director.

“Object of Devotion” features 60 beautifully carved devotional alabaster panels and free-standing figures from the most distinguished collection of these types of objects in the world. Originally displayed in the homes, chapels, and churches of aristocratic and non-aristocratic Christians from the late 14th to the mid-16th centuries, they offer an unrivaled glimpse into the spiritual lives, hopes, fears, and religious aspirations of society during the Middle Ages.

England was home to a thriving art industry that produced religious alabaster sculpture in large numbers and exported it to virtually every nation in Europe. Alabaster production during the Middle Ages centered on the making and selling of finely decorated sculpture for churches and nobles and folk art for the common man and woman. Despite the success and scale of this industry, English alabasters have remained a neglected art form.

Softer and easier to carve than marble, English alabaster’s translucent glow and creamy, yellow-ocher finish resembles flesh and therefore was considered a more intimate stone than marble or continental alabaster. These qualities facilitated a human connection with these devotional objects. The exhibition also will feature a selection of rare medieval books and manuscripts on loan from a local collector, as well as medieval tapestries from the institute’s permanent collection.

For more information about “Object of Devotion,” visit www.daytonartinstitute.org/devotion.

**Celebrate All Saints’ Day Around the World**

Pope Francis prays at the tomb of St. Peter inside St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican on Nov. 2, All Souls’ Day.

CNS photo/L’Osservatore Romano via Reuters

People visit the gravesites of family at New Hope Cemetery in Lima, Peru, on Nov. 1, All Saints’ Day.

CNS photo/Enrique Castro-Mendivil, Reuters

Boys climb up “apartment-style” tombs to place candles and flowers inside a public cemetery in Manila on Nov. 1. On All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day, Nov. 1 and 2, cemeteries across the Philippines are crowded with people paying their respects to departed loved ones by offering flowers, candles, and prayers.

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Leaders of Catholic education from across the nation gathered in Columbus from Oct. 26-30 for the annual meeting of the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education (CACE) at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

Lucia McQuaide, episcopal moderator and superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Columbus, is the president of CACE and was the host for the event. The group consists of diocesan school superintendents and directors of religious education. Barbara Romanello-Wichtman of the Diocese of Columbus, director of the diocesan office of religious education and catechesis, serves as a religious education representative on the CACE executive committee.

The keynote speaker for the weekend was Bishop Blase Cupich of Spokane, Wash. Bishop Cupich is chairman of the Board of the National Catholic Education Association and a former rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum. In his remarks, he highlighted the distinct aspects of leadership that are required in the Church today by linking them to the rich tradition of our Catholic heritage, especially from insights offered in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. He stressed to the educators the importance of going back to their dioceses and helping people better understand their faith.

An especially poignant portion of the conference occurred on its final day with a presentation by the pastor and staff of St. Rose of Lima Parish and School in Newtown, Conn., concerning the impact of the tragic events that occurred last Dec. 14 at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Even though the shooting itself occurred in a public school, the impact was devastating for the entire close-knit Newtown community and especially for St. Rose, located a short distance from the tragedy. Msgr. Robert Weiss shared own experiences with the parents and families of those killed and interfaith efforts that were necessitated by a tragedy of that magnitude. He was joined by Mary Maloney, principal of St. Rose School, and Pan Arsenault, religious education director at St. Rose, in providing a touching, intimate recounting of the way the tragedy continues to impact Newtown. Arsenault told of how faith played a central role in helping everyone in the community to cope with unimaginable loss and to draw on God’s healing grace, “What a difference to grieve as a believer, to grieve with grace, faith, hope, and charity. God’s grace carried us through every moment,” she said.

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Delaware St. Mary installs pastor and celebrates 125th anniversary

Bishop Frederick Campbell formally installed Father Michael Watson as the 27th pastor of Delaware St. Mary Church on Monday, Oct. 28 – the 125th anniversary of the church’s consecration on Oct. 28, 1888 by Bishop John Ambrose Watterson.

Earlier that day, the burial of Msgr. Francis Xavier Schweitzer took place at Delaware St. Mary Cemetery. Msgr. Schweitzer was a native son of the parish and celebrated his first Mass at St. Mary Church on Oct. 28, 1945.

Father Watson grew up just south of Delaware in Worthington. He graduated from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and The Ohio State University and received a master’s degree in religious studies from The Catholic University of America. He was ordained in Columbus on May 17, 1986, by Bishop James A. Griffin. Before coming to Delaware St. Mary, he served as pastor of St. Mary and St. Andrew churches in Columbus.

Delaware St. Mary Church, which was established in 1835, has 2,200 families and 7,000 parishioners. It has a grade school with 360 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, plus a preschool.

Before the installation Mass, a dinner was served in Kavanagh Hall for the clergy in attendance, including several priests who have served the parish. A general reception took place after the mass in Beitel Commons.

The church and rectory were completed in 1889 after six years of construction during the pastorate of Father Philip Steyle. The church was described at the time as “the finest church building in all of Delaware County.”

The structures were built for a combined cost of $75,000, all but $12,000 of which had been paid by the time of the church’s dedication.

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