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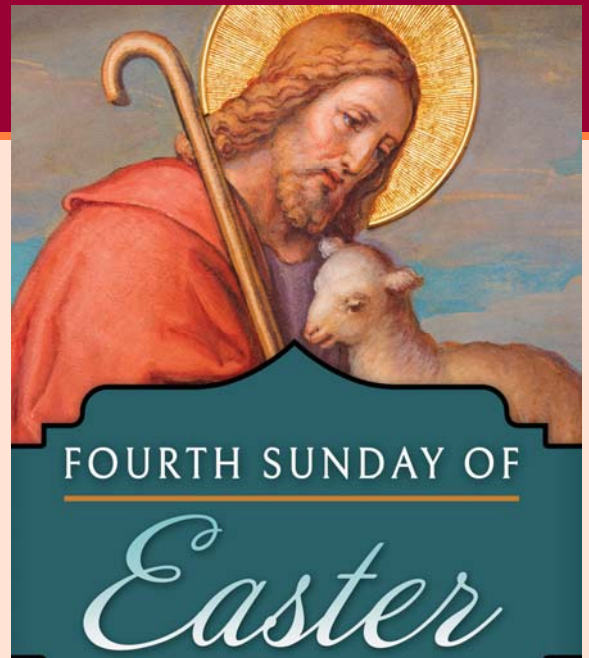
2 A Good Shepherd

I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

The Gospel today is one of the most beloved stories in the New Testament. It introduces the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd – an image that was central to the early Christian message even before the image of Christ on the Cross. In John’s Gospel, Jesus speaks in statements beginning with “I am” rather than in parables. This places a strong emphasis on the person of Christ.

In our modern world, few are actually familiar with shepherds, but we do know the image. Remember one of the first statements by Pope Francis when he was elected? He said that he wants priests to have the “smell of the sheep” on them! This is a very down-to-earth way of saying that when we serve in Jesus’ name we must live among his people and experience their everyday concerns alongside them.

Jesus is not like the “hired hand” but a shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep, a model for all servant leaders in the Church. When the hired hand runs away, the sheep are scattered; but when the sheep hear the voice of the shepherd, they are reunited. How is Christian leadership different because the Good Shepherd is our model? Who in your life is an example of a good shepherd? Can you identify the “wolves” who cause you to run away from responsibilities? Are you attentive to the voice of the Good Shepherd? Where do you hear him calling you? How do you stay close to him?



Good shepherds among us

Last Sunday, Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with the OLA community at the 5 p.m. Mass. This couple has earned the respect and affection of the whole parish for their service as “good shepherds” in the fullest sense.

Bob is Liturgy Coordinator and Kathy is Coordinator of Christian Initiation at OLA. Both have a wonderful way of creating community among the people they serve and among the ministers who serve with them.

They are models of Christian marriage which begins with a loving relationship that blesses their family and extends outward into ever larger circles of grace. There is never any doubt that the source of their strength is the Lord and the Church.

OLA rejoices in this couple, surrounded by children and grandchildren, and prays for a happy anniversary year.

Father Charles gave the couple a special blessing.

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

Mass with healing service is Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. with Fr. Pat Crowley presiding. OLA Prayer Warriors will lead the Rosary beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Prayer for the success of Alpha – The entire faith community at OLA is asked to pray for the Alpha program, now entering its third week.

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OLA Mission

Statement

Our Lady of the Assumption welcomes all people to grow in the Catholic faith as we celebrate our diverse community, nurture the Gospel message, and exemplify our love of Christ by serving others.

community life

Our first Ministry Showcase is this Sunday in the auditorium!

Come to our Ministry Showcase for coffee this Sunday after morning Masses and browse the many opportunities for personal growth and action through JustAct Ministries. JustAct Ministries gathers small groups for education, spiritual enrichment and community service to others.

The next “module” of eight weeks will study *Cultivating Non-Violence, Harvesting Peace* which helps participants to develop a personal response inspired by their Christian beliefs. The sessions bring together Scripture, history and theology, and suggests ways to take action. Information will also be offered about the *JustFaith* study, *Engaging Spirituality*, and *Good News People*.

Browse & enjoy free service from Sanctuary Coffee

Highlights

Ministry Showcase!

Come into the auditorium this Sunday after morning Masses for a special coffee service and browse the wonderful opportunities to learn and grow in faith and service through JustAct.

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It's time for Fiesta: Purchase ride tickets at a discount and tee shirts on the patio after all Masses until Fiesta weekend. Sign up to work at a booth and join the fun!

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Inquire about Pastoral Care Ministry to the sick and homebound on the patio.

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WOW! for adults

OLA's **W**idows **O**r **W**idowers and other singles group will have their monthly gathering Thursday, April 26, in the OLA convent at 6:15 p.m.

Come join this friendly group of young-at-heart folks that offers an evening out with friends.

Enjoy lively conversation, a delicious meal for only \$10, and some energetic game play. (Bring \$2 in quarters if you wish to play). All are welcome!

RSVP no later than Wednesday, April 25, to Jo Peering at (909) 626-0489 or to Jean O' Donnell at (909) 624-3392.

Mass Intentions/Readings
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Week of April 22, 2018

MONDAY, April 23

St. George, St. Adalbert

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

6:30am

5:30pm † Gilbert Siegmund

TUESDAY, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

6:30am

5:30pm † Frances Siegmund

† Berandette Negron

Diana Ugarte and children of

Bernadette Negron

WEDNESDAY, April 25

St. Mark

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;

Mk 16:15-20

6:30am

† Henry Yap

5:30pm † † Bobby Dennis T. Lumanog

† Henry Yap

THURSDAY, April 26

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;

Jn 13:16-20

6:30am † Helen McGee

5:30pm

FRIDAY, April 27

National Arbor Day

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

6:30am

5:30pm

SATURDAY, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

8:00am

4:00pm

5:30pm

SUNDAY, April 29

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1

Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

7:00am People of the Parish

9:00am † Richard Nunes

† Tong Nguyen

11:00am † Kathleen Warlick

† Dwight & Berte Goode

† Kinsley Thomas Wong

1:00pm † Raquel De La Rosa

† Manuel & Maria De La Rosa

† Josefina Ortiz Galarza

3:00pm † Yen Nguyen

† Phung Ham

5:00pm

7:00pm

† Deceased

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It is not too late to invest in our 2018 Mission Trip! You may purchase \$25 "shares" at the Parish Office or at the website olaclaremont.org by selecting the "Donate Now" tab.

OLA Teen Ministry

Sunday, April 22 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All high school teens are invited to join us for dinner and a Sunday Fun-day Sports Night on the field! Bring a friend and your favorite sports equipment!

Sunday, April 29

Sunday Fun-day Night Out! Check our social media to vote on where we will be going.

Sunday, May 4

Teen and Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Join the Heights Youth Ministry at Sanctuary Coffee, 994 W. Foothill Blvd., in Claremont, for *Caffeine and Catholicism*. Join us for a FREE drink and time together as a community.

Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator
tarredondo@olaclaremont.org
(909) 626-3596, ext. 4215

Young Adult Ministry

We invite each young adult age 18 to 35 to grow spiritually, form authentic friendships and have fun through our social, educational and prayer nights together. We'll be more than happy to see you at our weekly meetings from 7 to 9 p.m. NOTE: Convalescent home

visits are arranged every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as a service project. Join our *Young Adults of OLA* Facebook group. Or e-mail youngadultsola@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 4 Eucharistic Adoration with OLA Teens

Save the date!

Ignite! event Thursday, May 17, on the field at OLA from 7 to 9 p.m. Sister Isabella will lead a discussion of how our community can lead us closer to God.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We are proud of the progress that OLA has made in protecting our children. Since 2001, the Safeguard the Children Committee has been working on a comprehensive program for promoting a safe environment for children, youth and vulnerable adults. Current members are Patty Amato, Magali Amezcua, Teresa Arredondo, Bernadette Boyle, Cindy Corrales, Marlene García, Lan Nguyen, Neomi Torres and Stacey Weiner.

Since 2013, the number of adults who have completed the Virtus training program is 1,200, with the help of nine facilitators. The number of adults who were added to the official fingerprint record is 423. Over 1,000 children have been educated in *Teaching Touching Safety*.

The National Catholic Risk Retention Group provides parents with a free handbook to help them focus on practical steps to protect children from sexual abuse. View/Print it from the OLA website at www.olaclaremont.org.



Fingerprinting for adult volunteers

Fingerprinting for adult volunteers and staff at OLA will be available **Wednesday, April 25**, from noon to 7:20 p.m. Please call the parish office to make an appointment at (909) 626-3596. Contact Magali Amezcua at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211, for more information about VIRTUS.

New classes for adult awareness training

Protecting God's Children is the initial training for adults in prevention of child abuse. The next three-hour certification class will be offered Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in Room 15. This training is required of all staff, ministers and volunteers for both parish and school. *Keeping the Promise Alive* is the re-certification class that is required every three years by the Archdiocese for parish and school staff, ministers and volunteers. The next 1-1/2 hour session will be offered Thursday, May, 3 at 7 p.m. in Room 15.

Please come early to complete paperwork, or contact Magali Amezcua for more information at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211.

Safeguard at Fiesta

Certified adults will staff several booths at Fiesta marked with the *Safeguard the Children* banner that indicates a "safe" place for children to go if lost or in danger. Please instruct your children about these locations when you come to Fiesta.

Women's retreat at Sacred Heart Center

Blessed, Beautiful, and Authentically Free: The Catholic Woman of Today is the topic for a retreat Sunday, May 6, at Sacred Heart Retreat House.

Bishop David O'Connell will celebrate Mass for the assembly, assisted by Connie Salazar, music minister.

Cost of the conference from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. is \$50. Host is the Women of Hope Apostolate. To register, contact Yolanda at (626) 899-5401, or email yolanda@womenofhopeapostolate.com.

Retreat center is located at 507 N. Granada Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801.

Prayer for Alpha



Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. May we be your faithful disciples and put our faith into action with love. Continue to guide the parishioners of OLA, especially those who are preparing the Alpha course that begins after Easter. We pray for those who are searching for meaning in their lives and may be drawn to participate in Alpha. May each of us persevere in growing closer to you and deepening our love for you. Send us the gifts of the Holy Spirit to awaken the fire of faith in our hearts, drawing us closer to each other and to our Heavenly Father. Amen.

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outreach

Bring the love of Christ and our community to parishioners who are sick or home-bound

The concern that Christ showed for the bodily and spiritual welfare of those who are ill is continued by the Church in its ministry to the sick.



OLA's Pastoral Care Ministry to the Sick and Home-bound serves the faithful who are unable to attend Mass and are deprived of their place in the Eucharistic community. On behalf of the whole Church, the Pastoral Care Ministers bring the Word, the Eucharist, and Christ's loving embrace to the homebound and to those in local care facilities.

Pastoral Care Ministers are asked to serve on a team once each month. They must be baptized and confirmed active members of the worshipping community. They must be willing to attend periodic Pastoral Care team meetings as well as occasional Archdiocesan workshops. Training includes the opportunity to "ride-along" with an experienced minister.

If you feel called to this ministry, or if you simply want to learn more, please visit the information table on the patio after Masses on April 21-22. An information night is planned for Thursday, May 10. Coordinators for the care center ministry are Josette Siquieros and Kathie Glover; for private home ministry,

Joyce Sokolowski and Bruce Dane. Messages may be left for them at the parish office at (909) 626-3596.

Free legal aid at local college

Receive free one-on-one legal consultation with good lawyers through the business department at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga. "Legal Night" is Wednesday, April 25 from 6 to 10 p.m. in Room BE-105.

Registration is required through the school's website at www.chaffey.edu (follow the link to Legal Night).

Areas of law covered by free advice include: Worker's Compensation, DUI, general criminal law, criminal record expungement, estate planning, probate, information, personal injury, family law, disability law, special education, immigration law, contract disputes and more.

Feed the hungry poor

OLA's Outreach Ministry supports two monthly meals for needy families in the Claremont and Pomona area. These are Sunday afternoon meals provided along with fellowship time with the guests. If you would like to receive alerts, send an email to Tony Soto at tonysotosales@gmail.com. Next meal at the Pomona shelter is April 22.

Tai Chi exercise

Spring has sprung and it's time to enjoy the beautiful weather and spring into action! Join an OLA group for 12-15 weeks of free adult exercise and *Tai Chi* classes on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. the emphasis is on gentle relaxation suitable for any age participant.

Location is Larkin Park (corner of Harrison and Mountain) in Claremont. Instructor is OLA Parishioner Sal Robles who may be reached at (909) 260-0622.

K of C fancy ball

Knights of Columbus are hosting a black-tie event for those who like to dance. It's the Black and White Ball set for Saturday, April 28, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Atria Rancho Park in San Dimas. Cost is only \$25 per person for a gourmet dinner and live band. For tickets contact Parishioner Gary Croan at (909) 447-0848 or email him at garycroan@yahoo.com.

Laudato Si

A letter to the world from Pope Francis

We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it.

Parish Offertory Collection

Weekend of April 14-15	\$21,935
Online	\$ 4,390
Total	\$26,325
Over budget	\$ 211

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Fiesta chairs Alicia and Enrique Cerrillos invite you to become a Fiesta sponsor. See Back Page.

Hurray for our 2018 Fiesta Committee

Alicia & Enrique Cerrillos, 2018 Fiesta Chairs

Mr. and Mrs. Julio Marquez, Co-Chairs

Joe & Jane Siegmund, Past Chairs

Pete & Lynne Stella, Raffle Chairs

John & Carol Salter, Sponsorship Chairs

C. Marquez, Volunteer Coordinator

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Pinky Reymundo, Pre-Sales Chair

Susan & Mike Brunasso, Photography/Video

Jose & Meg Gutierrez, Banners and T-Shirts

Neomi Torres & Jean McKenna, Staff Liaisons

Erika Moore is the lucky winner of our Second Early Bird Drawing for \$100 for Fiesta raffle tickets!

Insider's tip to save money!

Discount sales of Fiesta ride tickets begin Sunday, April 22, on the patio after all Masses and continue April 29 and May 6. Weekdays sales are set up in the parking lot before and after school and at the parish office until noon on May 11.

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase pre-sale ride tickets at a discount – \$20 for a sheet of 40 tickets and a wristband for \$20 for all-day use on Sunday, May 13. Prices go up on Fiesta weekend! Shop early and find your size in Fiesta tee-shirts, too: Youth and Adult (S-XL) \$10; long-sleeve \$15; larger add \$2.

How YOU can help

Help make our Fiesta the best ever!

- Volunteer to work a booth, or set up Thursday, May 10, at 2 p.m. or Friday, May 11, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- Donate gift cards, 16-oz. bottled water, name-brand soda, or cakes.
- Become a Fiesta sponsor.

Visit our website at olaclaremont.org or call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4319.



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Mary Brunasso, Maya Caldwell, Aurora Placencia, and Tim Salisbury

Previously: Elba Allaysa, Lilian & Rudy Barcelo, Berta Barrera, Emily Bonk, Clarissa & Salvador Briones, Amelia Chacon, Vincent Glenn Chapman, Susana Duran, Carolyn Fraser, Anna Ruano Gomez, Ismael Gomez, Margaret Ann Goodrich, Thomas Hernandez Doris Maldonado, Clarence Markham, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Jesus Reyes, Paul Roche, Soledad Sarmiento, Marge Serpa, Mark Stagner, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Phyllis Swan, Tess Turla, Wendy Villegas and Carol Wiese

For our beloved deceased...

Cas Bonk, husband of Emily Bonk; Michele Frericks, mother-in-law of Felicia Frericks; Fr. Louis Marx, pastor of San Secondo d' Asti Church in Ontario; David Pozos, son of Maria Alba Pozos, father of Alyssa and Angelique, brother of Salvador, Maria, Josefina, Felipe, Jesus and Lupita; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Toda la creación tiene el poder de entregar su vida. Las estaciones del año entregan la abundancia de su cosecha y también de nuestra propia vida emana una energía para realizar tareas y labores, todo es una entrega. La mayoría de las personas quieren ser generosas y lo son. La mayoría de las personas quieren perdonar. La mayoría de las personas quieren ser pacientes, sacrificarse en nombre del amor, dar de la misma manera que se ha recibido. La mayoría de las personas quieren sacrificarse por la felicidad de otras personas, quieren dar servicio a la comunidad, donar sangre, privarse de algo a fin de que haya armonía y ser valientes aunque el costo sea grande.

Toda la creación también tiene el poder de recobrar la vida. La primavera regresa; cada mañana nos despertamos instintivamente a un nuevo día; los cuerpos débiles se sanan. También nosotros tenemos el poder de recobrar la vida. Buscamos relaciones de amor; deseamos pasar ese amor a los niños. Trabajamos duro; anhelamos ser creativos; nos esforzamos en ser buenos; buscamos armonía y paz. Ansiamos una relación con nuestro Dios. Y la mayoría de las veces lo logramos. En efecto tenemos un poder que Dios nos ha dado para iniciar una vida nueva. Es un mandamiento que Dios nos ha dado.

Ese ritmo binario de entregar la vida e iniciarla de nuevo no es más que un eco del Señor Jesús y de la manera que él escogió vivir entre nosotros. Fue el mandamiento que su Padre le dio, engendrado en sus huesos y en su espíritu, y es un mandamiento que sigue vigente en nuestra vida. —
J.S. Paluch Co.



*Via
Crucis
2018*

Abril – Mes de Prevención del Abuso Infantil

¿SABÍA USTED?

Arquidiócesis sigue ayudando a sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Al continuar el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil, la Arquidiócesis quiere reiterar que sigue comprometida a ayudar a los sobrevivientes y a sus familias a sanar y encontrar la paz. Si usted cree que usted, o alguien que usted conoce, es víctima de abuso sexual por un empleado de la Iglesia o un voluntario, comuníquese para ayuda y apoyo con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas, de la Arquidiócesis, al (213) 637-7650. Cada uno de nosotros, como miembros de nuestra comunidad católica, podemos contribuir a la sanación recordando a los sobrevivientes de abuso en nuestras oraciones.

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Bulletin deadline is **Sunday** for the following weekend. Bring copy to the parish office or email bulletin@olaclaremont.org.

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Kathy Steighner at 626-3596, ext. 4221, for more information.

Baptisms Brochures about the Sacrament of Baptism are available at the display case on the patio, or the parish and Faith Formation offices. Please call 4-6 weeks before the date of Baptism. For English Baptisms, please contact the parish office at 626-3596, ext. 0. For Spanish Baptisms, please contact Magali Amezcua at 626-3596, ext. 4211

Weddings Congratulations! Please call the parish office at least six months ahead for preparation, scheduling, and an appointment with a priest. Weddings are scheduled Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Visit the display case on the patio for more information.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office day or night.

Hospital/Home Visits For distribution of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Funeral Arrangements Please contact the parish office for help with services and special needs.

Stephen Ministry This one-on-one care-giving ministry at OLA is available upon request to those seeking emotional and spiritual support through a life challenge such as loss of a job, personal illness, separation or divorce, illness or the death of a loved one. Please call 626-3596, ext. 4332 to leave a confidential message.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Hotline One-time emergency assistance for individuals and families. Call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4333, to leave a message. Your call will be returned by a volunteer case manager.

Sunday Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m. Traditional cantor-led song
9:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble
11:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble
1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m. Teen/Contemporary
7:00 p.m. Cantor-led song

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 p.m. Cantor-led song
5:30 p.m. Contemporary ensemble
or cantor-led song

Weekday Mass Schedule

6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. Saturday

Saturday Confessions

9:00 – 10 a.m. English/Spanish
3:00 – 3:45 p.m. English/Spanish
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. English

How to Reach Us

Parish Office (909) 626-3596

Fax (909) 624-3680

Website: www.olaclaremont.org

email Address: reception@olaclaremont.org

Parish Office Hours

Open 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday,

Open Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Open Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(Lunch break from 12:30 to 1 p.m.)

Parish Staff

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Rev. Ron Clark, Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier

Deacon Joe and Rita Domond

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Neomi Torres, Director of Parish Administration (x4203)

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Dong Le, Vietnamese Choir

Faith Formation and Religious Education

Faith Formation Center (909) 624-1360

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

OLA Catholic School

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Principal Bernadette Boyle

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