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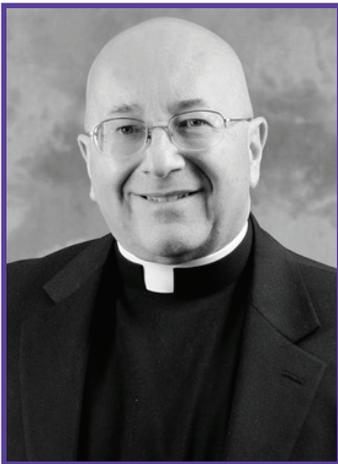


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Very Rev. William J. Waltersheid Named Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Pittsburgh



Pope Benedict XVI has named the **Very Rev. William J. Waltersheid** to serve as auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Bishop-elect Waltersheid, 54, is a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg and has served since June 2006 as diocesan Secretary for Clergy and Consecrated life. Bishop-elect Waltersheid will be ordained a bishop for the Church of Pittsburgh on **Easter Monday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. in Saint Paul Cathedral, Oakland.**

William John Waltersheid was born in 1956 in Ashland, PA. Baptized in St. Joseph Church in Locust Gap, he spent his childhood and early adult years there. After graduating high school in 1974,

he worked in the health care field and graduated from the Pottsville Hospital School of Nursing in 1983. In 1985, he was accepted as a candidate for the seminary formation program of the Diocese of Harrisburg. He studied at St. John Seminary College in Brighton, Massachusetts and received a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in philosophy and classical languages. In 1988, he was sent by Bishop William H. Keeler of Harrisburg to the Pontifical North American College in Rome for

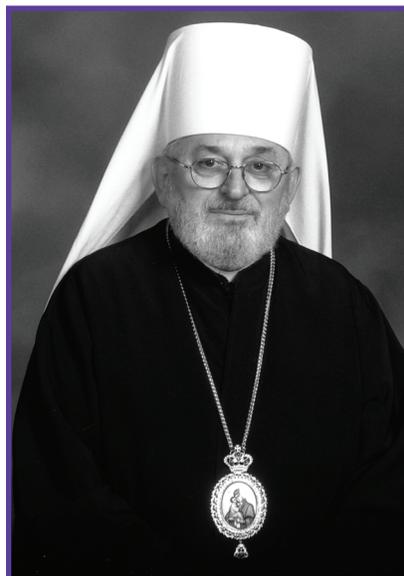
continued formation for the priesthood. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Theology in 1991 from the Pontifical Gregorian University and a Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology from that same university.

He was ordained a priest in Harrisburg on July 11, 1992 by Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo. He remained in Rome for further studies until 1995 when he returned to the Diocese of Harrisburg and was assigned as parochial vicar at Prince of Peace Parish in Steelton. More recently the Bishop-elect served as Diocesan Secretary for Clergy and Consecrated Life.

In a letter to all priests in the Diocese of Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik announced that Bishop-elect William J. Waltersheid will become Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Secretary for Clergy. In that position, he will be responsible for meeting and assessing the needs of the clergy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, priests and deacons.

In Memoriam

His Eminence, **Metropolitan NICHOLAS**, 75, spiritual leader of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the U.S.A., died on March 13, 2011 after waging a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on February 23, 1936, the son of the late Anna (Totin) and Andrew Smisko. After graduating from Perth Amboy High School, he entered Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to study for the Holy Priesthood. Upon graduation, he was ordained on January 11, 1959 by Bishop Orestes in Perth Amboy, N.J. His first pastorate was at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, Pennsylvania, where he served until 1962.



Metropolitan NICHOLAS
February 23, 1936 - March 13, 2011

May His Memory Be Eternal!



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REFLECTIONS ALONG THE WAY

Dear Siblings in Our Lord,

I hate to admit it, but on occasion I watch “Survivor.” Now let’s be honest from the start, this popular TV show provides the vehicle for the Devil to bring out the evil which is within each of us.



I caught the opening episode of “Survivor 22,” and there for his third appearance was Russell Hantz. He’s been the contestant in the past that everyone loves to hate. But what caught my attention on this episode was the large jeweled cross around his neck and the tattoo he sported on his shoulder and arm which included a cross and the phrase, “keep hope alive.” *Was this a new Russell? Had he experienced a conversion; his own Damascus Road experience? Were we going to see a kinder, gentler, more loving and truthful Russell because of the crosses?*

. . . we know that each of us has fervently confessed our love for Jesus, but then when love of self or pressure from peers come along, we deny knowing the Galilean.

Now to be fair, Russell is no different than any other contestant on Survivor. Ordinary, decent folk come together, build bonds of friendship, and even develop a sense of community. But to “win,” sooner or later one must turn on their friends and community, become manipulative and lying, and one by one force their peers out of the game. How many commandments are broken – false gods (immunity idols and the cash prize), false witness, coveting? The tragedy is not only that the participants turn on each other, but that we watch making our own emotional alliances with such obvious sinners!

Russell’s crosses made him our modern Judas in this tropical passion drama. How can someone who wears a cross, even one painfully needled into his flesh be such a hypocrite? As we rehearse the passion of our Lord, we know that each of us has fervently confessed our love for Jesus, but then when love of self or pressure from peers come along, we deny knowing the Galilean. We can see in ourselves James’ and John’s lust for power, Peter’s cowardice, and Pilate’s denial of justice for political expediency. *“Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. ‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.”* (Johann Heermann)

The guilt we bear for sin will be canceled on the cross, the death we deserve and fear is transformed into new life in our crucified brother.

But can we see Russell as an evangelist as well? Though unrepentant on the TV show, his tattoo bears witness to the good news which we will celebrate at the end of our Lenten journey. The guilt we bear for sin will be canceled on the cross, the death we deserve and fear is transformed into new life in our crucified brother. *“Keep Hope Alive!”* may have represented Russell’s quest for winning Survivor 22, but it is for us like Mary Magdalene’s proclamation to the disciples, *“I have seen the Lord!” “Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won! Death no longer can appall me; Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.”* (Christian Gellert).

Paschal blessings!

Pastor Don Green

***Jesus lives!
Death’s reign is done!***



National Workshop on Christian Unity Comes to Pittsburgh

Together with Glad and Generous Hearts is the theme for the 47th National Workshop on Christian Unity, hosted by

Christian Associates, May 9-12 at the Sheraton Station Square. Judicatory ecumenical representatives, clergy and laity with an interest in the ecumenical journey, and denominational executives will come from across the country to hear dynamic expert presenters in plenary sessions and in small seminar gatherings. Full or daily registrations are available. A generous grant from a Pittsburgh foundation will enable scholarships for full registration to college students and seminarians.

Featured presenters include: United Methodist Bishop **Sharon Zimmerman Rader**, Ecumenical Officer for the

Council of Bishops, will be the preacher for the Opening Prayer Service, May 9 at Smithfield United Church, a liturgy planned by the Downtown Ministerium. The **Rev. Dr. Robert Welsh**, President of the Council on Christian Unity, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will deliver the Keynote Address on Tuesday, May 10.

For the third consecutive year the NWCU will address the impact of racism upon Christian unity with a plenary presentation by the **Rev. Dr. Harold Lewis**, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh on May 11. Local African American Christian leaders, **Rev. Dr. Eric Brown**, **Ms. Gretta Stokes Tucker** and **Rev. John Welch** will respond to Dr. Lewis' address during a luncheon panel presentation. An interactive Bible Study will be led

by the **Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell**, professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH on the final day of the workshop. The workshop will conclude on Thursday with a presentation by **Brother Jeffrey Gros**, FSC, who had served for a decade as the Director of Faith & Order for the National Council of Churches.

Complete information about the workshop including online registration and payment options are available at www.nwcu.org. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will be awarding two CEUs to those attending the workshop.

Contact Christian Associates with your questions about how you might volunteer to assist in our hosting responsibilities, 412-688-9070.

H.O.P.E. receives 2nd Chance Grant for Mentoring



The Foundation of H.O.P.E., a supporting corporation of Christian Associates for the purpose of overseeing the pre- and post-release programs at the

Allegheny County Jail, has been awarded a two year grant from the Department of Justice, Second Chance Act, to provide post-release mentoring of former inmates.

Rev. Kimberly Greway, Director of Chaplaincy Services serves as Executive Director for The Foundation of H.O.P.E. Ms. Tara Goodin is the Director of the Pod of HOPE within the ACJ which is funded by Allegheny County. Rev. Gretchen Hulse has been named Director of post-release programs including the mentoring funded by the Second Chance Act. Ms. Millie Johnson serves as mentor recruiter and trainer for the HOPE ministries.

Volunteer mentors are needed to support our HOPE graduates and other ex-offenders who are in the post release mentoring program. To volunteer or for more information about HOPE contact Chaplain Greway at 412-350-2302 or Kimberly.greway@alleghenycounty.us.

Raising awareness about "Bullying"



Christian Associates continues to be a participant in the Coalition Against Violence (CAV). The Coalition in partnership with the Black Political Empowerment Project (B-PEP) have produced two very useful guides related to "bullying": *A Guide to Anti-Bullying* and *A Guide to Social Media & Internet Safety*.

In *A Guide to Anti-Bullying*, CAV notes that "every 7 minutes a child is bullied on the school playground. Bullying has become a serious problem in our schools. Everyone has a role to play in stopping bullying: the schools, families, the community, and even kids who are being bullied, as well as those who bully."

The Internet has opened up a world of opportunities for everyone. Social Communication Technology/Social Networking is a part of our everyday lives. However, when an individual terrorizes another with words or images via the internet, it harms the entire community. *A Guide to Social Media & Internet Safety* offers guidance to youth, families, and business and corporate communities to prevent cyber bullying and promote Internet safety. Both guides are available at www.b-pep.net.



NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY Your Decisions Matter

No one wants to talk about death and dying but there's a good reason for doing so. Research has shown that when individuals have discussed their values and wishes about end-of-life issues ahead of time, making decisions later on is less challenging for them and their loved ones.

On April 16th, all across the country, healthcare facilities, healthcare professionals, chaplains, the legal community and others will be participating in a collective effort to highlight the importance of making advance healthcare decisions and to provide tools for making these decisions. Members of the Coalition for Quality at the End of Life (CQEL), an organization of Western Pennsylvania agencies, healthcare providers and consumer advocates hope that YOU will take advantage of the many resources available at www.nhdd.org to help you talk to your loved ones in advance of a life-limiting illness or crisis.

One home grown resource is *Just Talk About It*, a series of one-minute videos with accompanying discussion guides, produced by the Take Charge Partnership, a member of CQEL, with support from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging. Visit www.takechargeofyourlife.org to view or download the videos and guides to start the conversation. You'll be glad you did.

ECUMENICAL EVENTS

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral

210 Greentree Road
Munhall, PA
412-322-8773

8th Annual Day of Reflection for Women “Living Water: Drinking from the Well”

Date: Sat. May 7
Time: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Fee: \$25, includes lunch
Women 18-25 years old FREE, this year only

Registration deadline: April 22

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Tabor House of Prayer

A ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis
of the Neumann Communities
Mount Alvernia
146 Hawthorne Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15209
412-821-1149
www.ossf.org

Retreat on Emmaus: “Back Home with the Disciples”

Date: Sat. April 30
Time: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Cost: \$30, includes lunch
Facilitator: Sister Jane Schmitt, OSF

How transformed was the life of these men when they returned from seeing the Risen Christ? How can I find transformation in my relationship to Christ?

Book Study on Keating’s “Heart of the World”

Dates: Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Cost: \$10/session or \$35/all four sessions
Facilitator: Sister Jane Schmitt, OSF

“It is normal to be contemplative, it just needs to be cultivated.” Purchase book before attending.

Introduction to Centering Prayer

Dates: Sat. May 28 – Sun. May 29
Times: Sat. 7:30 pm – Sun. 4:30 pm
Cost: \$40, meals included
Facilitator: Sister Jane Schmitt, OSF
This prayer brings us to the center of our being where we find the presence of God. Is God calling you to this special experience?

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Music in Pittsburgh

Music in a Great Space

Sun. April 10, 4:00 pm
Jory Vinikour, Harpsichordist
Sun. May 22, 4:00 pm
Choral Festival featuring Shadyside Presbyterian Chancel Choir
Admission \$10 adults, \$5 seniors, students & children free
Shadyside Presbyterian Church
5121 Westminister Place, Pittsburgh 15232
www.shadysidepres.org

The Tiffany Concert Series

Sun. April 10, 4:00 pm
The Ensemble of Young Harpists and La Petite Ensemble
Admission \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, children free
For information call 412-323-1070 or 412-279-6022
Calvary United Methodist Church
971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh 15233

Organ Artists Series

Sun. May 1, 4:00 pm
Featuring John Schwandt
East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 S. Highland Ave, Pittsburgh 15206
412-441-3800
Regular admission \$12, student \$5
www.oas-series.com

Music at Calvary Episcopal

Sun. April 10, 5:00 pm
Lenten Choral Evensong composed by Calvary’s own John W. Becker
Fri. April 22, 8:00 pm
Good Friday Concert with Chatham Baroque
Sat. May 15, 5:00 pm
Choral Eucharist for Pittsburgh Marathon
Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Ave at Walnut Street, Pittsburgh 15206; 412-661-0120
www.calvaryepgh.org

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St. Joseph Spirituality Center

A Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph
1020 State Street
Baden, PA 15005
724-869-6585
Registrations: Sister Ann Francis
Hanley: 724-869-6587
www.stjoseph-baden.org

The Call to Motherhood: A Call to Love

Date: Sat. May 7
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Presenters: Sister Marguerite Kropinak, CSJ and Marilyn Sullivan
Fee: \$15, includes lunch

This day of prayer offers Scriptural insights about God’s call to love with reflections from a mother and grandmother on how this call is manifested and exemplified through the experience of motherhood.

The Challenge of Compassion Fatigue

Date: Fri. May 13
Time: 9:30 am – 4:15 pm
Presenters: James Kuemmerle, MS, LCSW, and Brenda Pittman, BA
Fee: \$65, includes lunch

This workshop discusses the impact that helping others has and what the helper can do to be renewed. 6 CECs for mental health and health care professionals.

Discernment Retreat for Women

Date: Sat. June 4
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Presenter: Sister Dorothy Pashuta, CSJ
Fee: \$15, includes lunch

A welcoming environment and prayerful atmosphere for women exploring their particular calling in life by seeking to listen for God’s voice and to pay attention to their inner longings, desires, and aspirations. Call Sr. Dorothy Pashuta, 412-661-2528 to register.

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Our Lady of Grace Parish

310 Kane Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15243
412-279-7070

Principles of Sacred Architecture

Date: Thur. May 19
Time: 7:00 pm
Presenter: Duncan Stroik
Fee: \$10

Lecture on the principles of traditional architecture and Catholic church design. To register call 412-456-3048 or email clergyform@diopitt.org

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ECUMENICAL EVENTS

Pittsburgh Compline Choir

Heinz Memorial Chapel
University of Pittsburgh campus
412-682-6886
www.compline.lucpgh.com

Compline: Choral Prayer at the Close of the Day

Sunday evenings at 8:30 pm

March 13 – April 10 There will be no prelude as we observe the penitential season of Lent

Guest Organists:

April 17 (Palm Sunday) – Jeremy Jelinek, St Anthony Chapel, Troy Hill

April 24 (Easter) – no service

May 1 – David Fenn, Trumpet, Pittsburgh Philharmonic Orchestra

May 8 – Marty Barstow, Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

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Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality

820 Crane Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15216
412-341-7494
www.epiphanyassociation.org

Lenten Evening of Reflection

Date: Sun. April 17
Time: 7:00pm – 8:30 pm
Facilitators: Susan Muto, PhD and Father Ralph Tajak
Free will offering – RSVP by April 14th

Oasis Spiritual Enrichment Program – *Silencio*

Date: Sat. May 21
Time: 9:00am -10:30am
Free will offering -- Register by May 16th

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Franciscan Spirit & Life Center

3605 McRoberts Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234
412-881-9207
www.osfprov.org/FSLC

Franciscan Spirit and Life Center (cont. .)

Healing and Wholeness Service

Date: Wed. May 18
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Free will offering

Join us as we explore and experience various forms of prayer in an atmosphere of communal intercession. Call or email fslc@osfprov.org by May 13th to register.

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Mount Aloysius College

7373 Admiral Peary Highway
Cresson, PA 16630
814-886-6510
www.mtaloy.edu/ecumenical

Summer Scripture Institute: “Philippians: Spirituality and Context”

Dates: Mon. June 13 – Thur. June 16
Times: Begins Mon. at 1:00 pm, ends with lunch on Thur.
Facilitators: Dr. Marie Noel Keller, Dr. Bonnie Thurston
Fee: \$225 commuters or \$300 for overnighters

Explore the letter to the Philippians from varied perspectives. Content talks and discussion will alternate with opportunity for reflection. Cost includes workshop, materials and a copy of Dr. Keller’s *Priscilla and Aquila* which will be the focus of an evening lecture on Wednesday. To register, call Helen Marie Burns, 814-886-6510 or hburns@mtaloy.edu

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Trinity School for Ministry

311 Eleventh Street
Ambridge, PA 15003
724-266-3838
www.tsm.edu

Be a Seminarian for a Day

Date: Thur. April 14
Time: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Cost: Free

Worship in the chapel, attend classes and meet with faculty and admission staff to help discern your call.

Trinity School for Ministry (cont. .)

Healing Prayer: A Deep Need for the Church

Dates: Mon. June 13 – Wed. June 15
Facilitator: Nigel Mumford
Cost: \$150, fulltime students \$60

3 days of teaching, discussion and practice of prayer for healing and wholeness. An evening healing service will be free and open to the public.

Ancient Wisdom Anglican Futures

Conference 2011:
Making Disciples in the Christian Catechumenate
Dates: Thur. June 16 – Sat. June 18
Cost: \$150, student \$75
<http://awaf.tsm.edu/>

Speakers – William Harmless, SJ, on Augustine; Tory Baucum on John Wesley; Ashley Null on Thomas Cranmer; Graham Tomlin on ALPHA.

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In Memoriam (from page one)

NICHOLAS studied at the renowned Patriarchal Theological Academy at Halki, Constantinople. He also traveled extensively throughout Europe and the Middle East, visiting the sacred sites of the Holy Land and living for a time on Mount Athos, the ancient monastic center of the Orthodox Church.

Upon his return to the United States, he resumed his studies at the University of Youngstown, Ohio, and the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. He was then assigned as Prefect of Discipline at Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, and served several parishes in the Johnstown area, before relocating in 1971 to New York City,

where he served as pastor of St. Nicholas Church. He was elevated to the rank of Archimandrite in 1976, and was elected by the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople as Auxiliary Bishop for the Ukrainian Orthodox Diocese of America and was consecrated as Bishop on March 13, 1983.

Throughout his Episcopal ministry, until in recent years health problems prevented his active participation, Metropolitan NICHOLAS was a devoted member of the Council of Christian Associates. By his words and actions he strove to heal the breaches within our Christian family.

Following the death of Bishop John (Martin) in September of 1984, Bishop Nicholas was chosen as the third ruling hierarch of the Carpatho-Russian Diocese and was enthroned in Christ the Saviour



Cathedral by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos on April 19, 1985. He was elevated to the rank of Metropolitan, by His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I on November 24, 1997. On February 22, 2011 his diocese honored him with a Prayer Service and banquet in celebration of his 75th birthday.

In a statement issued on behalf of the Council of Christian Associates, Pastor Don Green wrote, "Throughout his Episcopal ministry, until in recent years health problems prevented his active participation, Metropolitan NICHOLAS was a devoted member of the Council of Christian Associates. By his words and actions he strove to heal the breaches within our Christian family. We remember with thanksgiving the reconciliation begun between his diocese and the Metropolitan Ruthenian-Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh with Metropolitan JUDSON Procyk of blessed memory, and continued with Metropolitan BASIL of blessed memory. We shared the joy of both

dioceses as NICHOLAS and BASIL last spring stood together at a Byzantine-Orthodox Paschal Choral Festival. We remember NICHOLAS' words and the presence of his clergy at the funeral of Metropolitan BASIL. All bore witness to his quest for reconciliation within the one Body of Christ and challenged all the members of Christian Associates to rededicate their efforts toward healing the breach within the Church."

His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America, was Celebrant for NICHOLAS' funeral on Friday, March 18. His Eminence was transported to his home parish of St. John's Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey where Panachida and Pouring of Oil was celebrated by Archbishop Demetrios of America. Burial was in St. John's Parish Cemetery.

May His Memory Be Eternal!

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Photographs, articles and other submissions about the local church are welcome.

Your support is vital to our mission!

Thank you for your response to Christian Associates' Christmas Appeal. Through your generosity individual donor support increased dramatically in 2010.

However, even with that additional support, the association has not been able to close the gap caused by declining judicatory contributions. The Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives remain committed to the mission of Christian Associates, but recognize the increased pressure and demands placed upon judicatories for their limited financial resources.

Thus, *we again ask for your support of our mission.* In light of a dramatic decline in the support from his judicatory, one long term Christian Associates' leader has begun making a monthly contribution

in support of our journey toward unity.
Could you possibly do the same?

We continue to covet your prayers for our labors in

- prison ministry,
- television communications,
- disaster preparedness and response,
- reconciliation in Christ and
- witness to justice and peace.

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