

Fourth Day

NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Pittsburgh

June, 2008

Cursillo Movement

Welcome "New Cursillistas"

Men's Weekend
#179

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Deno DeLorenzo
Tyler Deschamps
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Daniel Flaherty
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Robert Goetz
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Warren Hunt
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George Mikulan
Mark C. Palaski
Michael Racziewicz
Arthur M. Rappo
Daniel Stegner
John Wills

Women's Weekend
#180

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Lori C. Crowley
Hayley Deschamps
Donna Eisman
Diana L. Gardner
Shawna Hunt
Theresa C. Jewell
Jacquelyn Kramer
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*Christ
is Counting
on You!*



Welcome, Thanks, and Ultreya

by CLYDE WERGER
LAY DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 18 new men and 29 new women from Weekends 179 & 180. It gives us seasoned veterans a shot in the arm to hear how the Holy Spirit continues to bless people through the Cursillo 3 days.



Clyde Werger

There are so many people to thank for making these weekends such a blessing. First, thank you for your continuing palanca for this movement. Next, thanks to the teams for all their hard work. I personally would like to thank Tom Traymar for not only transporting and storing our new tables, but for buying them when Sam's Club didn't like my old Sam's Club card. Thank you to Jim and Linda Obman for organizing team formation. They even had to rewrite the whole schedule to fit the meal times at the Spiritan Center. Finally, thank you Gunter Fisher, our physical arrangement Secretariat member, for buying, hauling, organizing and then hauling back to storage all our supplies for the weekends.

We just held our second Ultreya for the new City North Ultreya. While trying to get this one going, I came across the following article. I have excerpted some of the main points below. If you would like to read the entire article, there is a link to national articles on our website: www.cursillo.org/pittsburgh.

As we know the word Ultreya signifies "onward" or "proceed further on". It was a shout of enthusiasm by the youth pilgrims to the Shrine of Saint James of Compostela...

The Ultreya in its totality is the sharing of our Christian life. The dictionary tells us that sharing is good harmony between the persons that share. It also tells us that sharing is living in the company of another or others in good harmony....

If Christianity is not lived it cannot be shared and if it is not shared it cannot be lived... It is sharing in "harmony" our Christian life with one another, which is being in accord with one another in our "Being

Christian"....

If our 3-Day Cursillo is transformed into a perennial Cursillo (everlasting – for life), then we will continuously strive to actualize Christ in our life. Being Christian and our Christian actions go hand in hands; the "action" is the consequence of "being". St Augustine said it very simply: "Love God and do what you please". It is similar to St. Paul on his way to Damascus.....everything in our life we do:

- Through Christ – yes in our work, in our family, in our social life, in our neighborhood, and in our parish community. We must become conscious that in all that we do it is Christ who does it through us and all is done well. And it is done well because He does it.

- With Christ – because He Himself told us "that without him we cannot do anything" and He does not deceive us – "I am with you always, until the end of the world". With Him we can overcome everything and we will be transparent of Him.

- In Christ – "It is not me who lives but Christ who lives in me" said St. Paul. Living in His grace with total giving and charity of love (living our 3-Day Cursillo in our Postcursillo). It is He who lives in us and we who make Him transparent in all of our actions.

This is our apostolate – (apostolic action), this is all our life. This is how we take Christ into our small world (the environments) with all the inconvenience, frustration, setbacks, etc. But also with all the love, joy, freedom, conviction, surrender, etc. that we portray in our being. It is living in grace (Christ's presence within us) that God's plan becomes a reality and the actualization of the Gospel in our own existence.

This is what we share and partake in the Ultreya. The Ultreya is sharing and communicating our common faith.....The purpose is to be true friends, grow in friendship together, grow in our Christian life, and at the same time "ferment" our environments....

(Excerpted from The Ultreya and Its Importance to the Person, Copyright 2003, National Cursillo Center)

Ultreya

Clyde

NOTE! If you have been storing anything for Cursillo since the loss of the Center, contact Clyde if you want to get those items to the New Center. . . .



By Ray Bender
Treasurer, Secretariat

As I watched the Ralph Martin Ministries on our local Christian Broadcasting station, he was interviewing one of the executives from the Krispy Crème Corporation. They were discussing his journey to Christ. Low and behold he found Christ through the Cursillo. He said two things I was able to relate to. First his sponsor asked him once a year for twelve years. Nunzio Galleta asked me to make a weekend in the late 70's and I said no. Then in the mid Nineties Patty Deschamps started to bug me again. But after several "no ways", I said "yes". The second words that resounded for me was that God was preparing him for one of the worst periods in his life.

This leads to my story. I truly believe that God was preparing me for many ups and downs and I thank Him every day that I did make the Cursillo Weekend. However, I do not want to focus on the valleys and I do not want this to sound like sour grapes but my life in the business world has been very tough. Two years after I made my Cursillo I was asked into the President's office of my company. I was told that my division was being under scrutiny. The president said "We are going to grow your division, keep it status quo or sell it off but you will always have a job with us". Can anyone guess what happened? Sure enough I was sold and I mean literally sold to my biggest competitor. My company and the new company wanted and placed my name in the contract. So much for you will always have a job with us. I was promised the moon by the new company but as soon as I signed on the dotted line they reneged on all that was offered. So I departed. My prayer life and the support of my small group and Ultreya got me through that valley.

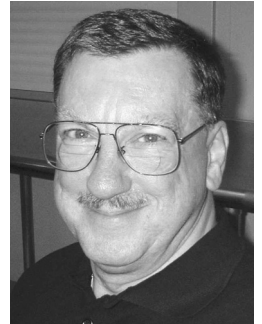
I then started a Deli and Convenience Store. Wow what a mistake. As my savings account dwindled so did my spiritual side. I worked 80 hours a week. I had in my office my Bible and Pilgrims Guide and I promised myself I would start my days off with the Cursillo. However, I was so worn out that my spiritual journey was on hold. I was out of balance and so I knew I had to get grounded again. Where did I go, back again to the Tripod and the Cursillo

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FROM FATHER STAN:

"Year of St. Paul"

As I prepare this article for printing, my thoughts are all over the place as to what I should write about. I thought maybe to comment on the upcoming elections, on second thought I feel like most of you—overkill. Maybe I could write something on the sports picture in the 'Burg—but, sigh!



Fr. Gregorek

But then I thought of the Holy Father's announcement about the year of St. Paul, which will begin on June 29, 2008 till June 28, 2009. How did this come about, what is this all about? First, we must see Pope Benedict as a teacher and as a spiritual bridge (in fact his title Pontiff comes from the Latin term pontifex which means bridge) to the world. In calling for a year of study and reflection on St. Paul, he (the Holy Father) is trying to reach out to Christian denominations and forge a greater dialogue through the writings of St. Paul. We need to remember that St. Paul was an evangelist, par excellent. And in his first century world, AD, he left very few theological stones unturned. He gave us not only a blueprint for spreading the Good News, but by example he shows us that we must go out too and do the legwork. His many journeys show this in the Scriptures. This is why St. Paul is patron of Cursillo. We too must go out into our modern society and do the same. We all have been given the same Holy Spirit as was given to St. Paul, and that Spirit over these past two millennia has not lost its effectiveness or strength. If this is the case that the Spirit is still effective, then why do we hesitate to reach out to others, what do we fear, why do we hold back?

Not all of St. Paul's missions were successful, nor did he convert all people—but he tried. He gave it his all.

Today we have even greater means of reaching people—the cell phone, internet, voicemail, etc. Yet compared to St. Paul, we still lag far behind.

This "Year of St. Paul" gives us all an opportunity to read this great evangelizer in Scripture starting with the Acts of the Apostles. But when we do it, do it prayerfully to get a better understanding of St. Paul and his mission; for his mission is our mission continued today.

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REGIONAL III
CURSILLO LEADER'S WORKSHOP
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SIGN UP SHEET

**PITTSBURGH CURSILLO is hosting a Cursillo Leader's workshop which will be held June 20, 21 and 22 at Mt. Nazareth in Ross Township, Pa. All Cursillistas are strongly encouraged to attend. The workshop is designed to give an in-depth view of the purpose, strategy and method of the Cursillo Movement. A free will offering will be taken (our costs for the weekend are \$80.00 overnight and \$30.00 for commuters). Please make your reservation ASAP, so the Team has an idea of how many will be attending. Call Jim or Betsy Rice at 724-443-5744, jrbrice@connecttime.net, after June 1,2008 call Mary K. Fleckenstein at 412-678 -1723 mkfleck@hotmail.com or complete this form and mail it to:
Pittsburgh Cursillo P.O. Box 213 Wildwood, Pa. 15091**

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

CURSILLO ATTENDED _____

OVERNIGHT _____ COMMUTING _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Directions: I 279, Rt. 19/ Perrysville Avenue Exit Left onto Perry Highway, Travel 0.9 mile, turn left onto Bellevue Road, travel 0.6 mile turn right to stay on Bellevue Road, travel 0.1 mile to Mt Nazareth, 285 Bellevue Road .

WITNESS

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method to give me direction. I closed the Deli and moved onto my next job.

At this next place of employment I started out being the most positive person in the group. I have never been in such a work place in my life. It was a very small group but you could cut the political atmosphere with a knife and watch your back for that knife. I never prayed so hard in my life. Everyday I started out with scripture and meditated on readings. Then I prayed for each individual in the corporation and started a prayer group with several Christians. I had several neat spiritual moments there but that could take up all the 4th Day Newsletter. I will tell you one experience. One of our future customers sent some men from Tacoma Washington to make a technical visit. I met Tre Tran originally from Vietnam, one of the boat people who survived. Tre and I were talking and he asked if I was Catholic. I told him I was and I pulled out my Cursillo Cross and showed it to him. I suggested that he look up the Cursillo in Tacoma and I told him I knew they had a Vietnamese group within our Movement. As Tre and I were talking a woman who I still can feel the knife marks said to me you are not only here to start a laboratory but you are here to save souls. I had a dream last night and you were there trying to save my soul. I told her God places me in many situations and I do not know why but I try to bloom where I grow and spread the Good News of Jesus. From that day forward it was a new relationship between her and I. Tre was taken back by this and wanted to know more about Cursillo. I invited him to our Ultreya while he was in town. He attended and was quite impressed with so many people trying to bring the Kingdom of God to others.

Then the bottom fell out of their sales and Corporate insisted that they make some changes. On February 6th I was left a voice mail stating that I would be let go by June. In March I packed up all my personal effects waiting for the axe to fall. It was a living hell knowing you would be going soon. All the prayers and the relationships I built up over the last eight years made it difficult knowing that soon you would be asked to leave. Every one of the people in the laboratory confided in me and asked for my prayers during that period. To this day I have maintained contact with 80% of my former associates. Holy Thursday of that year I was told I was not needed. At 56 years of age I knew it would be hard. I was confident that within six weeks I would have a new job. I did not even apply for unemployment at that point. It took 21 months before I found a new job. I never lost faith. I

prayed, I read and I still evangelized. I knew God had a plan and I knew I could not rush Him. I needed little doses of humility, patience, and obedience.

During this 21 month period I had two scares with cancer. I was told I may have had prostate cancer once again the Cursillo prayer chain inundated God with prayers and I did not have cancer but a bad infection. Then last summer my eldest daughter Nicholle was diagnosed with Melanoma. Immediately she was placed on the Cursillo prayer chain and God answered our prayers. Her melanoma was removed and she was clear of cancer. You see without the Cursillo there at every turn, I would be totally out of balance and my faith journey could have been a pious fraud.

Beatitudes for Ultreya

Blessed is the Ultreya where God is present and where the spirit of Jesus is alive and well.

Blessed is the Ultreya where new Cursillistas are welcomed and awakened to their vocations and gifts.

Blessed is the Ultreya hallowed by the devotion of Cursillo leaders that regularly pray together & plan the Ultreya.

Blessed is the Ultreya where each member puts the others happiness first.

Blessed is the Ultreya where all show their love in ways that support & strengthen others.

Blessed is the Ultreya where each seeks to bring out the best in the other.

Blessed is the Ultreya where perseverance in Piety, Study and Action has become a way of life.

Blessed is the Ultreya where each learns how to "make a friend, be a friend, and lead their friends closer to Christ.

Blessed is the Ultreya where each learns how to use the tool to structure Christian life with others in their environments.

Blessed is the Ultreya where each Cursillista grows and learns how to "Bloom where they are planted."

Blessed is the Ultreya that is not just "an oasis" but a constant reminder to challenge to "Irrigate the desert."

Blessed the Ultreya where Cursillistas learn to take risks in advancing the Kingdom of God wherever they live.

Blessed is the Ultreya that is changing environments for Christ.

(Reprinted from the Buffalo Newsletter)

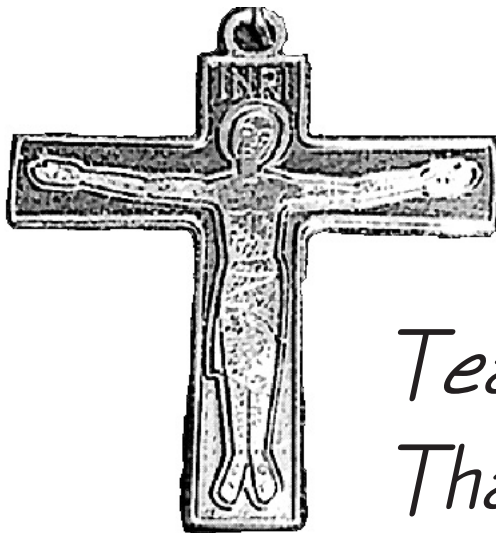
Men's & Women's Teams

Weekend #179

| Name | Position |
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| Fr. Tom Galvin | Spiritual Director |
| Deacon Dave Grusek | Spiritual Director |
| Fred Hespenheide | Coordinator |
| <i>Ultreya-Group reunion</i> | |
| Len Fritsch | Asst. Coordinator |
| <i>Piety</i> | |
| Gunther Fisher | Head Steward |
| Bob Corcoran | Liturgist |
| Bill Daly | Auxiliary |
| <i>Leaders</i> | |
| Rege Welsh | Auxiliary |
| <i>Christian Community</i> | |
| Tom Kocian | Auxiliary |
| <i>Study</i> | |
| Tom Traymar | Floating Auxiliary |
| <i>Study of the Environment</i> | |
| Dan Kubisiak | Sacristan |
| <i>Laity</i> | |
| Chuck Heiry | Steward |
| <i>Christianity in Action</i> | |
| Jack Porreca | Steward |
| <i>Ideal</i> | |
| Paul Marcinizin | Steward |
| Gary Deschamps | Steward |
| Wayne Fleckenstein | Steward |

Weekend #180

| Name | Position |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Fr. Stan Gregorek | Spiritual Director |
| Mary Jordan | Spiritual Director & Floating Auxiliary |
| Tess Keddie | Coordinator |
| <i>Ultreya-Group reunion</i> | |
| Chris Hespenheide | Assistant Coordinator |
| <i>Piety</i> | |
| Joan Traymar | Head Steward |
| Susan Sholtis | Liturgist |
| Carol Kowalski | Steward |
| Maria Davidson | Auxiliary |
| <i>Study of the Environment</i> | |
| Joyce Marcinizyn | Auxiliary |
| <i>Christian Community</i> | |
| Daria Kubisiak | Auxiliary |
| <i>Ideal</i> | |
| Terri Janosco | Auxiliary |
| <i>Leaders</i> | |
| Elaine Wiethorn | Steward |
| Deb Sullen | Auxiliary |
| <i>Christianity in Action</i> | |
| Marian Goetz | Auxiliary |
| <i>Laity</i> | |
| Barb Gerstel | Steward |
| <i>Study (Formation)</i> | |
| Mary Walls | Sacristan and Part Time Steward |
| Betsy Rice | Steward |



*Teach me your way O Lord,
That I may be faithful
in Your sight (P.86)*

De Colores!

News from the Pittsburgh Cursillo Secretariat

Hello To All Pittsburgh Cursillistas!

Some highlights to share from this month's meeting:

REGION III (includes Pittsburgh, Canton, Rochester, Buffalo and Youngstown)

- The Region III Encounter will be held September 26-28 – save the date/details later
- A CLWI is planned for June 20-22 – If you haven't received an application yet, they will be available at the Fourth Day Welcome on June 1. The CLWI promises to enrich your Cursillo knowledge of Cursillo purpose, strategy and method. It will be held at Mount Nazareth (where our new City North Ultreya meets). To register or have any questions answered call Jim or Betsy Rice at 724 443-5744. A free-will offering will be accepted.

The Weekends

As this newsletter is being written, both the Men's and Women's weekends have come to end, and to hear the witness of our new Cursillistas, the weekends = were Spirit-filled and AWESOME!

Tentatively, the Men's Weekend #181 will be held October 30-November 1 at Mount Nazareth, as will Women's Weekend #182 November 6-9. It's never too early to get applications completed and have your candi-

date ready and willing for the weekend of their life!

The Fourth Day Welcome

The Fourth Day Welcome will be held on Sunday, June 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Mount Nazareth. This is a perfect time for the new Cursillistas and their sponsors to gather and meet the rest of us! All "Veteran Cursillistas" are encouraged to bring a finger food to share.

School of Leaders

The School of Leaders, under the direction of Lia DiPietro, meets the second and fourth Saturdays at St. Bernadette in Monroeville. The school begins at 9:00 a.m. and is completed by noon. Lia has been covering Father Frank Salami's book "The Fundamentals of Christianity". Please join us – just bring yourself (and a cup of coffee if you so desire). This is possibly the one Cursillo event where we don't provide refreshments!!!

Our Annual Picnic

The picnic this year will be held at Locust Grove at Scott Township Park on Sunday, August 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. We always celebrate Mass in the Park before the festivities begin. Word has it that Scott Township Park has a swimming pool and tennis courts. Each Ultreya will be assigned what to bring (besides your families!). Pray for a sunny and fun day!

DeColores! **Viv Messina**

DIRECTIONS TO THE PICNIC: The Park address is 2600 Old Greentree Road, Carnegie, PA 15106 in the event someone wants to use google or mapquest. These are the easiest directions to the park. There is a swimming pool at the park and the fee is \$6 for adult and \$5 for child.

DIRECTIONS FROM AND THROUGH THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Take 279 South (also known as US22W and US30W). Go through the Fort Pitt Tunnels and continue on 279 South (about 5 miles) until you reach Exit 1A which is the Erie-Washington entrance to route 79. Take the Southbound Washington ramp. Get off 79 at Heidelberg/Kirwan Heights Exit 55. At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp make a LEFT turn and stay in the RIGHT lane. At the fourth traffic light turn RIGHT on to Greentree Road. Get into the LEFT lane, and at the 2nd traffic light make a RIGHT turn on to Lindsay Road. The entrance to Scott Township Park is about 100 feet on your RIGHT after you make the turn. Look for Locust Grove - it is on the hill.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH VIA 79

Travel 79 South to Heidelberg/Kirwan Heights 55. At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp make a LEFT turn and stay in the RIGHT lane. At the fourth traffic light turn RIGHT onto Greentree Road and get into the LEFT lane. At the second traffic light make a RIGHT turn on to Lindsay Road. The Scott Park entrance will be on your RIGHT in about 100 feet. Look for Locust Grove - it is on the hill.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH VIA 79

Take 79 North and get off at the Heidelberg/Kirwan Heights Exit 55. At the traffic light at the end of the ramp make a LEFT turn and stay in RIGHT lane. At the 4th traffic light turn RIGHT on to Greentree Road and get into the LEFT lane. At the second traffic light make a right turn to Lindsay Road. The Scott Park entrance will be on your RIGHT in about 100 feet. Look for Locust Grove - it is on the hill.

School of Leaders

Lia DiPietro

With a joyful and thankful heart, the School of Leaders congratulates and welcomes to our Cursillo family 47 new Cursillistas. The Holy Spirit has blessed us abundantly after months of drought: a beautiful group of wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ, of all ages and backgrounds, committed to bring the good news in their corner of the world. Our gratitude is extended also to all the Cursillistas who have served on the teams "179 & 180" with dedication and love. Job well done!

At the School of Leaders session, we are completing the study of the book of Fr. Salmani, Fundamentals of Christianity, after which we are planning to revue the new Cursillo manual and take a good look at the expanded outline of all the talks: a pretty challenging endeavor! We need everyone's input, so we invite to participate all those interested in this project. We meet the second Saturday of every month at St. Bernadette Church in Monroeville.

In conjunction with the celebration of the year of St. Paul, starting June 28, the School is trying something new: a guest speaker, our own Kathleen Grusek, to con-

duct a series of talks on St. Paul. The theme is "Journeying with Paul."

We hope and pray that many of you will be able to attend. The sessions will start on the fourth Saturday of July at our new center Mt. Nazareth, and they promise to be interesting and very spiritual. See you soon.

In Christ,
Lia

JOURNEY WITH ST. PAUL IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 2000th YEAR OF HIS BIRTH

JUNE 28, 2008 - JULY 29, 2009

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| 1. Introduction and overview | June 28, 2008 |
| 2. History and Culture | July 26, 2008 |
| 3. Acts/ Jerusalem & Antioch | August 23, 08 |
| 4. Galatia | September 27,08 |
| 5. Phillipi | October 11,2008 |
| 6. Thessalonica | January 24, 2008 |
| 7. Corinth | February 28,2008 |
| 8. Ephesus | March 28, 2009 |
| 9. Rome (Colossae) | May 23, 2009 |
| 10. Hebrews, Pastoral Letters | June 27, 2009 |

ULTREYA AREAS

ALLEGHENY VALLEY: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Our Lady of Victory, Harwick, 6:45 p.m.Mass/Ultreya 7:30 -.Call Vickie Potvocek - 724-224-6038 or Peg Heiry - 724-274-7973

BUTLER: 2nd & 4th Monday, St. Peter's, on Franklin Street, Butler, 7:30 p.m. - Call Ron Kocian - 724-445-3326.

LAWRENCE COUNTY: West Pittsburgh, Contact Anthony Allegro - 724-535-7255

CITYNORTH: 1st & 3rd Monday, Mt. Nazareth, -Call Tom or Joan Traymar 412-367-7436 or Gary Smith 412-366-1226

NORTH HILLS: 2nd & 4th Monday, St. Richards,Gibsonia, 7:30 p.m. - Call Betsy Rice - 724-443-5744.

SOUTH CENTRAL: 2nd & 4th Thursday, St. Martin dePorres Parish Center, McKeesport, 8:00 p.m. - Call Pat Brady - 412-466-0242.

SOUTH HILLS: 2nd & 4th Monday, St. Winifred Church, Mt. Lebanon, 7:30 p.m. -Call Maria Davidson -412-653-3883 or Anne Perella 412-221-6213.

TRES RIOS: 2nd & 4th Monday, St. Bernadette Church, Monroeville, 7:30 p.m. - Call Larry Boehm - 724-568-1843.

WASHINGTON - GREEN COUNTY: 1st Sunday of the month, Miraculous Medal, 6:30 p.m. - Contact Deacon Joe Cerenzia - 724-745-7229.

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