

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([00:01](#)):

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Speaker 2 ([00:25](#)):

This is Walk Humbly. We're glad you're here.

Tom Shakely ([00:30](#)):

Welcome to Walk Humbly. I'm Tom Shakely with the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, joined in our Saint Clare Studio by Bishop Michael Burbidge. Bishop, it's so good to see you.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([00:39](#)):

Tom, great to be with you. Here we are, in the middle of November already, getting all set for Thanksgiving, and God willing, a blessed Advent for everyone. It's amazing how quickly this time goes by.

Tom Shakely ([00:52](#)):

So Bishop, you were just a part of our Diocesan Week of Service, our first one.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([00:57](#)):

It was really incredible. I mentioned in my homily yesterday, why do we have, which we celebrated yesterday, the World Day of the Poor? Why did we initiate a Diocesan Week Service? And it's really because of our human condition, our weakened condition, that sometimes we need reminders, we can often become numb from hearing, from seeing the cry of the poor. So both the World Day for the Poor, our Diocesan Service Week, I think, just enlivens that desire to imitate Christ, especially in service to the poor and suffering. And what a wonderful thing to know of the 100% participation from parishes and schools across our diocese, even our own chancery building, and from our Diocesan Week of Service, the parish led so many beautiful programs.

Tom Shakely ([01:48](#)):

I saw so many photos from across the diocese, it was amazing.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([01:50](#)):

The photos are great, your team captured food collections, clothing drive, pro-life ministry for newborns, homebound visits, prison ministry service, even taking care of our creation. So I know this goes on in our parishes throughout the diocese every day, but it was really a special week to be joined together and I just want to thank everyone for participating in our first Diocesan Week of Service.

Tom Shakely ([02:13](#)):

It was a beautiful thing. Well, Bishop, I know also, you're going to be doing a very special prayer service, you're going to be leading it. It's a prayer service for unity and healing for our nation coming up right before Thanksgiving, Monday, November 24th, 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([02:29](#)):

Yes. And Tom, this is really a result of a number of parishioners just expressing that need for me, especially as we prepare for Thanksgiving and we're so grateful for our faith, for our freedom, for our country and all the gifts we share. But we also know that this is also a time in our country where there's need for healing and unity. A number of parishioners mentioned to me, "Why don't we get together right before Thanksgiving and pray specifically for that intention?" So it's a beautiful prayer service for unity and healing for our nation. As you mentioned, it's at the Cathedral on November 24th. I invite anyone who can attend, it would be great to pray with you.

Tom Shakely ([03:11](#)):

It is so needed, Bishop, so thanks for doing it, and for all those who spoke up. Well, Bishop, while you were together with your brother bishops in Baltimore last week, we gave a little preview in our last conversation before you headed off to the USCCB fall meetings, so we'll talk about a number of things that are coming out of the USCCB meetings.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([03:30](#)):

Sure.

Tom Shakely ([03:30](#)):

But first, let's talk about probably what's most widely been circulated, which is the special message that the USCCB released on immigration. I know many of our listeners probably have either read it or at least seen word of it. We'll link to the statement here in the show notes if you haven't. But Bishop, you were a part of this, you were a member of the drafting committee for the statement, which ultimately the bishops adopted overwhelmingly. Can you speak to us a little bit about it?

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([03:58](#)):

Yes, and I'm glad we are speaking about this, because since its release, certainly following comments and questions on social media, we can see that this is a very sensitive, very timely issue. It creates and sparks lots of emotions. And sadly, as we listen to the responses from our statement, you can see that this is an issue that continues to divide us. It's very rare that bishops issue a special message coming out of the assembly, it's a unique process that we do. But in the end, at the final count presenting, after listening to all the amendments from the various bishops, we stood in solidarity issuing this special message. So let's go through this, because I think it's really important, Tom, for our listeners to try to understand this in the best way possible. And it's a very short message, so I encourage everyone to read it, it's only like a page and a half, so to read the full statement.

([05:06](#)):

But first and foremost, Tom, this special message on immigration should be read in the spirit of a pastor's concern for his flock. We are pastors, as bishops, we are pastors, and we are responsible for the spiritual care of all people. So clearly, this USCCB special message is a pastoral statement, that obviously, of course, has political consequences, but it's not a partisan statement. The bishops' statement is intended to encourage migrants and immigrants, priests and religious, civil authorities and the lay faithful.

([05:49](#)):

So why did we issue it and why now? I would say, I think most would agree with this, that today in America, there is a growing unrest due to unprecedented migration, and we all know it's impacted American life, including our nation's ability to maintain our borders, to assimilate the immigrants into

our culture, and protect immigrants themselves from exploitation and abuse. So we all have concerns about the ability of our nation to uphold the common good, including the right of all to justice and peace. What the church has to say is this, "The moral duty to protect human dignity is not in conflict with the duty of nations to regulate immigration and preserve public order." If you want a summary of what we're trying to say as bishops, I think that captures it.

[\(06:51\)](#):

So I want to reaffirm, we love our country, we love our immigrants, we love our immigrants who we are blessed to call our brothers and sisters and are privileged to serve. As we all know, immigrant Catholics have enriched our country, our diocese, throughout the years, with great faith, devotion to our Lord, family life, service to church and community, and we love our country and we seek the good of our country. We all want public order in keeping with the laws of the nation. We support the laws of the United States of America, national security, including immigration enforcement, and human dignity, I'll say it again, need not to be in conflict. In fact, I would say they depend on one another.

[\(07:42\)](#):

So our national security and law enforcement should be at the service of human dignity. That's what I mean when I say we support the laws of our nation, because they're in service of human dignity, and human dignity is safeguarded by public order and the rule of law. So whatever one's status, the church has two core spiritual concerns, and the bishops have made this clear, access to the sacraments and the unity of the family. So the church cares about the spiritual welfare of all people, so we have a duty to tend to the needs of all people, citizens and non-citizens. We're pastors, we're pastors. Civil authorities can rightfully pursue policies that for some will involve humane repatriation, and for others, when warranted and possible, God willing, a path to citizenship.

[\(08:36\)](#):

Obviously, there should be consequences for those violating the law who seek to do harm or who have done harm to our country. We know that civil authorities face a real challenge to distinguish between those who have come to our country with a sincere love and desire to integrate, and we know them, they're our neighbors, they're our friends, they're our colleagues and brothers and sisters. We also are aware of those who may do grave harm to the nation and its people, for example, by drug or human trafficking. So we owe a debt of gratitude to civil authorities and those in law enforcement who help safeguard the common good through public service.

[\(09:19\)](#):

We cannot deny, Tom, there's anxiety among some immigrant communities from the perception that some laws are not being administered justly, and so that causes fear and anxiety. I would think that one way to dispel that anxiety and lower the temperature of the debate, which we saw play out on public and social media after we issued this statement, is to make sure that our immigration laws at the border and throughout the nation are being enforced fairly and justly. The bishops called for this, we call for ongoing dialogue with elected officials. We can only speak to them as pastors, but we welcome that dialogue, which we've had in the past and hope to have in the future. But as followers of Christ, as members of his holy family, what a beautiful moment in the life of our country to renew our resolve to live as brothers and sisters, including praying faithfully for one another and practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

[\(10:35\)](#):

If you notice, it's a short statement, but there's a significant paragraph rooted in scripture, what is our response to this current moment of immigration and the enforcement of law not being in conflict with human dignity is acting as Jesus taught us to. So at the heart of this statement is the words, is the

teaching of Jesus himself and his call to make his abiding love known to others. So I know that's a very, very long response, but I really wanted to take the time on this podcast, because we're getting asked many questions, I think there is lots of emotion, and I just hope that maybe some of the things that I have just said is of some help. But again, read the statement, and everyone please just prayerfully discern how best we can do our part to respond as Christ would want us to do at this moment.

Tom Shakely ([11:37](#)):

Thank you, Bishop. Thank you for sharing your heart and your wisdom on these matters as we continue to grapple with them in our nation.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([11:44](#)):

Thank you, Tom.

Tom Shakely ([11:45](#)):

Well, like I said, you guys tackled a lot [inaudible 00:11:50].

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([11:49](#)):

We did some work-

Tom Shakely ([11:50](#)):

We have a few things to discuss today.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([11:50](#)):

We did some work this time.

Tom Shakely ([11:52](#)):

Let's see. The other thing that caught my eye was the decision, the USCCB has announced that in 2026, there's going to be a national dedication to the Sacred Heart at the General Assembly. You made this decision to, I think, have it coincide right with the 250th anniversary of the country this summer.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([12:11](#)):

Isn't that wonderful? That was another beautiful moment where that proposal was given to us, and of course, embraced enthusiastically. It's very, very beautiful and important. The bishops hope, through this consecration, to renew devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and recognize the Kingship of Christ, perfecting the temporal order with the Spirit of the Gospel, that's the quote that was used in the proposal. So we hope that God continues to bless our nation, and we must do our part, as I mentioned, by turning ourselves more fully to him as a nation, drawing ever closer to his Sacred Heart, that heart that embraces us with a love that is without end, a love that is without end, and a love that calls us to imitate, a love that's sacrificial and selfless as we serve one another. So there will be lots of resources that we'll be sharing in our parishes to prepare for the consecration, prayer resources, a novena leading up to the solemnity, a renewed focus on adoration, and again, more opportunities for works of mercy. So a beautiful moment.

Tom Shakely ([13:22](#)):

We'll certainly talk more about it as we get closer. I think just anecdotally, I know sometimes you'll see people on their lawns or businesses or whatever, they'll have the American flag, and then right underneath it, maybe the Vatican flag, showing off they're a proud Catholic. But I've noticed the past couple of years increasingly, in June especially, I saw, traveling last summer, the American flag and then the Sacred Heart flag.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([13:44](#)):

Isn't that wonderful?

Tom Shakely ([13:44](#)):

There's lots of variations, but it seems like it's really catching fire.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([13:48](#)):

And like you said, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of our nation, and Pope Francis and Pope Leo both really have drawn us ever closer to the Sacred Heart, drawing our attention to this heart that was pierced out of love for us and a love that continues to embrace us.

Tom Shakely ([14:06](#)):

Well, Bishop, as our listeners may know, the USCCB has long maintained what are called ethical and religious directives. Geeks like me who've studied bioethics know these, these are called the ERDs. They're a big deal for Catholic healthcare, and the ERDs guide physicians and healthcare professionals, but they also provide really essential basic direction, even for families, it's not just for "experts," anybody navigating challenging or life-threatening situations for themselves or for a loved one, just to know what are the basics of ethical and humane care. And these are updated periodically. And this was another item that you addressed with your brother bishops this past week to make an update to this.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([14:51](#)):

Yeah, because again, these directives are always in response to, as we know, healthcare and medical issues, and all the issues with science and research and everything, they can constantly change. So at this particular moment in time, we felt like an update was needed. And so, we, in our recent release of these directives, have officially prohibited Catholic hospitals from so-called transgender surgical hormonal procedures. So this update to the ERDs explicitly rules out the practice of any medical interventions which alter the fundamental order of the human body in form or function, so that's really what the clear directive is.

([15:39](#)):

So as you mentioned, a new seventh edition will be released in the coming weeks, but basically, it's just reaffirming we all have a duty to accept and respect our humanity as created by God. These directives are at the service of the gospel of life, basically. And so, respect for human dignity includes avoiding so-called gender-affirming interventions, as I mentioned, and so no Catholic healthcare professional can in conscience engage in such interventions. Again, these are to be of service to our parishioners who want to do what is right, who want to do what the gospel of life calls us to do.

Tom Shakely ([16:18](#)):

And if you're listening, you can check out the sixth edition that's currently out there, you can just Google it and download it, it really is accessible. I know my own family has benefited from this as we've

navigated care decisions surrounding issues like Alzheimer's and other concerns. A very simple and straightforward document. And as you mentioned, Bishop, too, you mentioned it's explicitly addressing these gender issues, it's not as if there was really a question before though. You read the sixth edition, it's in there, but it makes sense that there's a need to say explicitly.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([16:50](#)):

Right. Well, that's the beauty of our Catholic Church, our teaching is so consistent.

Tom Shakely ([16:54](#)):

100%. Well, Bishop, we'll come back to the USCCB another day, I'm sure there'll be more to come in future meetings. But in the meantime, let's look ahead a little bit to Thanksgiving. We mentioned, of course, the prayer service for unity and healing that you'll be doing just before Thanksgiving. But as folks are maybe either making plans for a big Thanksgiving dinner right at home or maybe they're traveling to see family, I think people are thinking about Thanksgiving traditions. And I'm wondering, Bishop, if there are any Thanksgiving traditions that you either had from a young age and have retained, or any new ones that you want to share with us?

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([17:31](#)):

Yeah. Like many families, growing up, I always associate Thanksgiving with family. We always were together with extended family growing up, always associated it with a great meal and some football. There was always grade school and high school rivalry games on Thanksgiving Day, so that was always part of the tradition. So yeah, that's wonderful.

([18:01](#)):

What has really been beautiful to see across our diocese is that Thanksgiving Day is not a holy day of obligation, but more and more, it is just so wonderful to see the number of families and individuals who now begin Thanksgiving Day with Mass. What a perfect way to begin the day, Mass is the supreme act of Thanksgiving. But it is so wonderful to see so many people at that morning Mass, and I encourage everyone maybe to consider that. If you can't think of a better way to begin the day, and I think a lot of parishes have it early enough, because there's family traditions and travel and football games and everyone's got to get the meal ready, so a lot of them are a little bit earlier in the morning, so I hope that's something that we consider.

([19:00](#)):

As a priest, Thanksgiving is really a nice holiday, I think my brother priests would agree with this, because many times, like at Christmas and Easter, for example, there's a lot that leads up to Christmas and Easter and Christmas Day and Easter Day, there's multiple Masses.

Tom Shakely ([19:20](#)):

[inaudible 00:19:21]

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([19:23](#)):

If your family lives in a diocese, you go home on Christmas and Easter, they're like, "You look so tired."

([19:31](#)):

"Oh, okay, well, maybe I am."

([19:36](#)):

But on Thanksgiving, for the priests even, it's the one Mass in the morning, and it's one of those days that many of our priests can go home at a decent time and enjoy family as well. But for all those who will be traveling on Thanksgiving, safe travels to you, God bless you, God protect you and watch over you.

Tom Shakely ([19:55](#)):

Thanks very much, Bishop. Well, yeah, we're not going to talk again here on Walk Humbly until just after Thanksgiving. And in fact, Advent will be underway the next time we speak, Bishop. So we should talk about the fact that, as Advent begins, you have put together a really unique booklet that's intended to guide the faithful, a booklet of Reflections for Advent and Christmas, it's now available to all the faithful. We'll link to it in the show notes, that's on our diocesan website, you can also pick it up on Amazon.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([20:23](#)):

Yeah. I know there's many resources out there that have Advent reflections and things like that, and I'm sure people will benefit greatly from it. This thought is just, and I think it's important to read some of the beautiful reflections on each of the days of Advent, but I also think sometimes, in the course of each day, it's really nice to have just a short sentence, like, what is the thought of this day that I can actually even memorize if I wanted to? And so, that's what this Advent is, it's nothing profound or anything like that, but it's just a thought for, based on the readings of that Advent day, here's a thought just to carry with you.

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It's very small, it's very pocket, you can put it in your suit coat pocket or pant pocket, whatever, and it's just a thought of the day. If it's helpful to people, that would be wonderful. Sometimes, that's the way, when you read reflections, there's a lot to remember. But I always say, okay, what's that one sentence, whether it's something that came to me in prayer as I began my day or something I read, what's that one sentence thing I'd like to carry around with me today? So that's what I try to do with this pamphlet. I hope it's a help.

Tom Shakely ([21:44](#)):

It's beautiful, yeah, and it's very reminiscent of what you do every day on your X account in terms of offering scriptural reflections.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([21:51](#)):

Right, yeah. That's what I try to do on that X account is just a thought of the day, and thanks for mentioning that. A lot of people say, "Who writes them for you?" I'm like, "I write them. What are you talking about?" People are so cynical these days.

Tom Shakely ([22:04](#)):

I know.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([22:05](#)):

I had a good practice with that though, because when I was a priest, for many of my years of priesthood, I was working in the chancery or teaching high school or whatever, and so I was the resident in the parish who had to get out early to go to school or go to the office, so I always had the 6:30 Mass for most of my priesthood, 6:30 AM. So I got very good at just, "Okay, here's the homily, it's a couple

sentences, that's it." So that's why this X account, that's what I try to do, a very, very short just meditation, just a thought of the day, basically.

Tom Shakely ([22:45](#)):

Well, if you're not following Bishop Burbidge on X already, you should.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([22:49](#)):

How's that? We got a good plug in there, we got a good plug in there.

Tom Shakely ([22:54](#)):

I know. Everybody's going to be following, right? And as far as Advent goes too, we have a whole bunch of resources, of course leading with your reflections booklet, Bishop, but also some other tools, like Lectio Divina and other things. You can visit [ArlingtonDiocese.org/Advent](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/Advent) for all those good resources.

([23:08](#)):

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([23:31](#)):

Today's question, "Dear Bishop, I saw that Pope Leo shared his top four favorite films recently as part of a Vatican event on the world of cinema." Sounds like a fun event. These films apparently were It's a Wonderful Life, The Sound of Music, Ordinary People and Life is Beautiful, and the questioner asks, "I'm curious, what are some of your favorite films?"

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([23:52](#)):

That's great. That's great that Pope share that. I would take two of his, I would take It's a Wonderful Life, I'd say a classic.

Tom Shakely ([24:01](#)):

Hard not to love that.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([24:02](#)):

How can you not, right? And I love The Sound of Music, I love that. And in fact, I think it's the anniversary of the release of the movie, because I know three of our high schools are doing The Sound of Music for their spring musical, because I think it's a certain anniversary of the release of The Sound of Music.

Tom Shakely ([24:21](#)):

Is it bad to say I've never seen it?

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([24:23](#)):

Are you kidding me?

Tom Shakely ([24:24](#)):

Yeah, no, I'm serious. It's one of those, it's on my list, the mental list, but I just haven't gotten to it. I hear such great things.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([24:30](#)):

You leave this podcast with a homework assignment. But I would add another musical to the list, I think it was my father's favorite, favorite musical, so I think it became obligation, Which is My Fair Lady, that's another classic.

Tom Shakely ([24:47](#)):

Okay.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([24:47](#)):

Did you see that one?

Tom Shakely ([24:49](#)):

I think so, I think so. I've seen at least enough clips of it to have a familiarity.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([24:54](#)):

I would think two powerful movies I would add to my list would be The Shawshank Redemption.

Tom Shakely ([24:59](#)):

Oh, yeah.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([24:59](#)):

Have you ever seen that? That's great.

Tom Shakely ([25:00](#)):

Oh, yeah.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([25:01](#)):

And On the Waterfront.

Tom Shakely ([25:03](#)):

Okay, I haven't seen that.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([25:03](#)):

And there's a very, very powerful scene there. Karl Malden portrays a priest, and there's one beautiful scene in that calling for justice and people to be courageous, so I love On the Waterfront as well. I have two favorite sport movies.

Tom Shakely ([25:23](#)):

Let's hear them.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([25:23](#)):

Everyone's going to be surprised, I have two sports movies. One is Rocky 1, the first Rocky.

Tom Shakely ([25:28](#)):

Oh, yeah. How can you not?

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([25:29](#)):

You can't go wrong with that.

Tom Shakely ([25:30](#)):

That's Americana.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([25:31](#)):

Exactly. I like Hoosiers also.

Tom Shakely ([25:33](#)):

Okay, okay.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([25:33](#)):

Yeah. And then, this time of year, very sentimental, I always go for The Bells of St. Mary's.

Tom Shakely ([25:40](#)):

Oh, yeah, yeah. Another classic, yeah, yeah.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([25:41](#)):

I never get tired watching that, Bing Crosby, it's another classic. So they're some of mine.

Tom Shakely ([25:49](#)):

That's a good one.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([25:50](#)):

And also, The Passion of the Christ.

Tom Shakely ([25:52](#)):

Oh, yeah.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([25:54](#)):

That's one that, of course, especially during Lent, I would watch every year, just a behind the scenes story with that. That's a Mel Gibson film. And when he was producing that movie, I was serving in the Cardinals Office, and his team contacted the Archbishop's Office, wanting to see, because we had a seminary there, wanting to see if there were scripture professors who could review the movie and give him helpful hints.

Tom Shakely ([26:31](#)):

That's a big deal, yeah.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([26:31](#)):

So he invited the Cardinal, plus some of these seminary scripture professors and others, to help him making sure everything was scripturally and theologically correct. So I made sure I got my way to go there too. Like, "I'll drive you there for that meeting."

Tom Shakely ([26:51](#)):

Oh, that's hilarious.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([26:52](#)):

So we actually got to watch it before it was even released with Mel Gibson.

Tom Shakely ([26:57](#)):

Oh my. Wow.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([26:58](#)):

Yeah. My niece was all jealous I was meeting Mel Gibson at that time. It was really powerful. And he took notes, he just wanted this to be right. So it was a great experience there. And then, I hear now he's working on another movie as well.

Tom Shakely ([27:24](#)):

Oh, the sequel, right, The Passion of the Christ 2.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([27:26](#)):

Yeah, yeah.

Tom Shakely ([27:26](#)):

The resurrection story.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([27:27](#)):

Resurrection, yeah.

Tom Shakely ([27:29](#)):

It's what, 20-some years later.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([27:31](#)):

I know.

Tom Shakely ([27:31](#)):

It's amazing.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([27:32](#)):

I know.

Tom Shakely ([27:32](#)):

It's amazing.

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([27:33](#)):

Did you see The Passion of the Christ, Tom?

Tom Shakely ([27:35](#)):

I have seen it. That is a Catholic obligation, I think. At first, when I learned through this question about the World of Cinema event that the Pope participated in, and especially now as you're talking about The Passion of the Christ, it's like, yeah, the evangelical means of really good cinema, no question, right?

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([27:55](#)):

That's right, yeah. And the Pope really did, he met with a lot of people in the industry and just encouraged them. This industry, a good movie, a good play, a good show can do so much good to lift hearts and to inspire, let's use it for those purposes.

Tom Shakely ([28:17](#)):

Bishop, can you offer us a final blessing?

Bishop Michael Burbidge ([28:19](#)):

No, Tom, like you said, mentioning our next podcast will be after Thanksgiving and soon after we begin Advent, so I do want to take this opportunity to express my spirit of thanks to my wonderful priests, who are such great collaborators and such a great support to me. And I really want to thank, in the spirit of this holiday, all the wonderful parishioners, young people I meet, who always make me feel so welcome when I visit your parishes and schools, making me really feel like a part of your family. I'm very grateful to God to be the bishop of this wonderful and faithful and vibrant diocese, and ask God's continued blessings upon us, and wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving and an Advent filled with the Lord's peace and spiritual gifts. So with God's grace, let's continue to walk humbly with God.

Speaker 2 ([29:22](#)):

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