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Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, and not your garments, and return to the Lord your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing... (Jl: 2: 12-14)

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of January 25th, 2023:

Dear children! Pray with me for peace, because Satan wants war and hatred in hearts and peoples. Therefore, pray and sacrifice your days by fasting and penance, that God may give you peace. The future is at a crossroads, because modern man does not want God. That is why mankind is heading to perdition. You, little children, are my hope. Pray with me, that what I began in Fatima and here may be realized. Be prayer and witness peace in your surroundings, and be people of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call.

On the 25th of each month, Our Lady gives a message through the visionary Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti for the villagers in the parish of Medjugorje and for all those who choose to follow her on the path to holiness.



Our Lady of Lourdes

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Wayne's Story: By the Time I Was 20, I Wanted to Die

from imedjugorje.com

By the time I hit 20 years old, I wanted to die. Emotionally, I was disturbed by the abandonment and abuse of my mother and father. My father physically beat me, and my mother emotionally abandoned me. I never had that love.

I was 21 years old. I had no place to live. I was on a plane going to California because I was going to live with my Uncle Johnny. I was so heartbroken that my father was a heroin addict, and my mother was an alcoholic, and I felt abandoned by life.

A stewardess saw me crying, and she came up and showed me a picture she took, and Mother Mary appeared in the picture. That was my first experience with Medjugorje. I was crying my eyes out and she started talking about Medjugorje and my heart started to open to God.

Then, things started happening, God-incidences, miracles, and Medjugorje started coming into my life. Very shortly after that, I found Jesus Christ, and I believe it happened through Mother Mary. It started with Her. She introduced me to Her Son, Jesus, and after that, my life has been a constant walk now with Medjugorje, Mother Mary, and Jesus Christ.

If it wasn't for the love of God and the love of Mary, I would not be here today. I got sober and I've been sober ever since. I've been sober 36 years, by the grace of God.

I do suffer. Jesus says in scripture, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death," and it doesn't mean a physical death, it means a spiritual death. I have walked through the valley of spiritual death in my life. I struggle with the emotional scars of my past. Mary and Jesus have overcome that with me and have healed me by their graces. That's the part I want to stress to people.

I did not believe. The only time I believed in God is when I was in trouble. I didn't think God loved me. I didn't think He cared about me. I never went to a church in my life until I was 21 years old because Mother Mary pulled on my heart that day on that plane through that lady. I'll never forget it.

I've learned from Medjugorje how much Mother Mary and Jesus Christ love me. I spoke to Mirjana. She smiled at me. I felt love. I felt the love of Mother Mary. I said, "Pray for me, Mirjana."

She said, "You pray for me, please." She's a very holy woman. She serves the food. Her knees are bad. I saw her yesterday, she was taking all these pictures. She can barely walk, but she's trying to do the will of God.

I was complaining because I come from a really bad family, and I need my heart to be healed by God and Mother Mary. Mirjana told me to go to the Blue Cross, so I went to

the Blue Cross. There was a girl sitting in front of the cross. I paid no mind to her. She walked up to me and said, "Mama Mary wants me to tell you something. I'm sorry to bother you."

My friend Joe was with me. I said, "What?" She goes, "She's glad Her sons are finally here." So Mother Mary did speak to me at the Blue Cross. After that, I felt peace.

I would suggest everyone go to the Blue Cross in Medjugorje. It's very important. Pray. Let everything out.

I am learning an intimate relationship with Jesus and Mother Mary. I spend time alone, reflect on my own life. I brought everything that I'm going through in my life to the Cross. I've been getting healed with that.

I've spent a lot of time in Mass. What it did is it brought me back to my spirituality. Sometimes in life, we get so caught up with everything around us back home that coming here puts us back in the center where we really need to be. Now, when I go back home, I'll go back home with the right approach, with God being the center of my life.

How do I keep living it? First of all, fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. That's what I learned during this trip, that I should start fasting on bread and

water on Wednesdays and Fridays. The other thing is to go to Mass. I do go to Mass, but I'm going to continue going to Mass. Praying the Rosary. Not only that, it's by the way I live my life so other people can see love. That's what Mother Mary calls us to be, *Apostles of Love*. Let people see the love that's in us, and that love will radiate to other people.

This is really important, Mother Mary says this too, it's very important that we read the word of God, read the Bible. She points us to that.

That's the five stones. Read the word of God, go to Mass, fast, pray the Rosary, and confession.

That's another thing I learned, how important confession is. Just being in Medjugorje, things have been coming out, almost like someone is pulling things out of me that I stuffed down years ago that are now being revealed to me. I went to confession today. Three or four hours later, I'll be thinking about something and something else will come up, and I'll go to confession again.

It's like I'm cleaning my soul out here. This way I can go back with God within my heart and Mother Mary and the Holy Spirit. I didn't see Mother Mary. A lot of people want to see Mother Mary. Some people have. I know people have seen Her physically, but the most important thing is to see Her in your heart. Stay open-minded. That's how this works. Stay honest, have an open mind with an open heart, and have the willingness. If you have all three of those things when you come here, you will experience what I have experienced, the grace and the love of the Living God.



Wayne with Mirjana in Medjugorje

From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On December 25th, 2022, the visionary Marija received the following monthly message from Our Lady:

“Dear children! Today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, that you may be His peace and a reflection of clarity and joy of Heaven. Pray, little children, to be open to receive peace because many hearts are closed to the call of the light which changes hearts. I am with you and am praying for you to open yourselves to receive the King of peace, who fills your hearts with warmth and blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Message given to Jakov Colo during his annual apparition on December 25, 2022 from Our Lady:

“Dear children! Today, as the light of Jesus' birth shines over the whole world and as I hold Jesus in my arms in a special way, I pray that each heart may become the stable of Bethlehem in which my Son will be born, and that your lives may become the light of his birth. Little children, you live in turmoil and fear. Therefore, little children, on this day of grace, pray to Jesus to strengthen your faith and to become the Sovereign of your lives. For, my children, only with Jesus in your life will you not look at trouble, but pray for Peace and live in Peace. You will not look at fear, but rather at Jesus who frees us from all fear. I am your Mother who watches over you unceasingly, and I bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



Sister Emmanuel

The “little remnant”

In 42 years of apparitions, the Blessed Mother did not create a new religious order, a congregation, or even a new spiritual trend. No, she simply transmitted the Gospel to the world with a mother's heart, mother's words, and a mother's perseverance in spite of all the obstacles she came up against. Her goal was, and is, to form “*Apostles of her love*”, those who let themselves be guided by her, and her school is open to all, young and old.

During my many missions, I have had the joy of meeting wonderful people who have the courage to resist the prevailing apostasy and to live the simplicity of the Gospel, against the current of what the world professes today. In every country, in every city, I have been struck by the magnificent work of Our Lady in prayer groups, in small homes of fervor and in families committed body and soul to their faith. I also see in them those apostles of whom St. Louis de Montfort spoke, totally surrendered to Mary in order to be able to identify with Jesus. They are the future of the Church, and even if they are few in number - even despised - their confidence in a better future is unshakeable. They are preparing in secret the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart and the New Pentecost of love, they form that “little remnant” which, in spite of its poverty and thanks to its poverty, attracts the Holy Spirit in this world which has chosen death.

An unshakeable woman! During the Passion of Jesus, Mary stood firm, believed, hoped and offered everything to the Father with love, in the midst of great suffering. This is why she was given the task of understanding and accompanying the apostles, who were often undermined by those around them. Like a beacon of consolation and peace, she shines in the midst of the storm that is increasingly shaking the Church of Christ.



To be an apostle, it is not necessary to do great things, rather “do small things with great love,” as advocated by Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St Therese of Lisieux. Being with Jesus: that is what counts. His presence alone is a guarantee of unity and fruitfulness. The whole history of the Church shows us that God looks at what, in the eyes of the world, does not count. Our Lady teaches us that we are all important. So, what does it matter if we are insignificant in the eyes of men? We are not insignificant in the eyes of God. Let us rejoice!

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Healed through St. Charbel: She Was Blind but Now Can See

by Joe Bukuras from catholicnewsagency.com

Dafne Gutierrez, of Phoenix, Arizona, will never forget the traumatic experience of gradually losing her vision. The 37-year-old mother of five was declared legally blind in 2014 after two years of gradual sight loss caused by chronic brain swelling. When she couldn't see at all, she was devastated.

Describing the experience of total blindness, she told CNA, "You don't see anything. You just don't. What hurt the most is that I had little ones, and I had to depend on them," she told CNA in a Sept. 30 interview at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church in Phoenix.

Gutierrez, who was not fully committed to her Catholic faith before losing her vision, soon found herself desperately seeking the restoration of her sight through healing Masses at several Catholic churches in the Phoenix area.

None of those healing Masses brought her sight back, and she was losing hope. But her sister-in-law pushed Gutierrez to give it one more try: this time, at a Maronite Catholic church where a relic of the famous Lebanese hermit, St. Charbel Makhlouf, was on display for veneration.

As a woman of Mexican descent, Gutierrez says she would never have thought of going to what is largely a Lebanese-populated church. But now, with her 20/20 vision restored, she knows why she was there.

Living life without sight

Gutierrez said that when she was declared legally blind, she begged God to bring her sight back for her children's sake. "My prayer was always 'I'm here, God. Hear me out. If you don't want to do it for me, fine. But do it for my kids.'"

In January 2016, a first-class relic of St. Charbel Makhlouf — a bone fragment from one of the most popular saints in the Maronite church, known for his many reported miracles — was on display for veneration at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church in Phoenix. St. Charbel, whose feast day is July 24,

was born in Lebanon in 1828 and ordained as a Maronite priest in 1859. In 1875 he became a hermit and died on Christmas eve in 1898. He was canonized in Rome on Oct. 9, 1977 by Pope Paul VI. Father



We have no medical explanation for this...

Wissam Akiki, pastor of the church, was celebrating Masses all weekend in honor of the saint and blessing parishioners with healing oil. Preciado visited the relics on Jan. 18 and thought that Gutierrez could benefit from doing the same. So she invited Gutierrez and her husband to go.

The couple went that very day. Gutierrez remembers sitting in the pew and praying to God again for healing: "This is the last time, please hear me out. Don't do it for me. Do it for my kids."

Preciado, who was accompanying Gutierrez and her husband, went to the priest and asked him to give Gutierrez a blessing. The priest asked Preciado if he could hear Gutierrez's confession before the blessing. So Preciado said yes. When Preciado told Gutierrez that the priest wanted to hear her confession, Gutierrez told her "no."

Gutierrez recalled that her sister-in-law's response was: "No, I'm not asking you if you want to go, I'm taking you." Preciado told

Gutierrez to "get up." So Gutierrez got up.

Preciado walked Gutierrez over to the confessional and she confessed her sins for the first time since before her marriage. The priest told CNA that after Gutierrez's confession he gave her a blessing, put holy oil on her, and invited her to venerate the relic.

Akiki said that the following Monday he received a call from Gutierrez. "She told me, 'Father can I come visit you?'" Akiki remembered asking, "Who's going to drive you?" "She told me, 'I can see,' he said." He then told Gutierrez, "Praise be to God. I'm waiting for you."

God healed her heart first

Gutierrez drove herself to the interview with CNA and drove herself home. She walked around the church with ease and had no problem opening and closing doors with the handles.

She says she knows that God healed her through the intercession of St. Charbel. She still prays to him, even now, she said, almost seven years later. She and her daughter take a trip to the confessional every two weeks and go to Mass each Sunday.

Before God healed her eyes, Gutierrez said, he healed her heart through confession. "The only thing that I can tell people is to keep on praying. God does hear us," she said. "Go to confession," she added, "because confession will take you to healing."

Not only was her vision restored, it was restored to 20/20, said Dr. Anne Borik, one of several physicians to examine Gutierrez. "The pressure in her brain got to the point where it caused damage to the optic nerve. After this happened, the optic nerve looked completely normal, with no signs of damage or

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Ivan on the Messages and the Crisis of Our Times

From papaboys.org



The visionary Ivan Dragicevic shared some thoughts after a recent prayer meeting in the church in Creola. After the message of Our Lady was given to Ivan on January 10th, 2023, he shared the following thoughts.

“I greet you from the heart. It is not easy to speak to you because I still feel I am with Her, and it is not possible to say in human words the beauty of the encounter with Our Lady and above all Her love. She told us ***“Dear children, if you knew how much I love you would cry with joy”***, so much so that the Mother loves us prays and intercedes for each one of us! Her beauty is also inexpressible, when we asked her how it was possible to be so beautiful she replied ***“I am beautiful because I love. If you want to be beautiful, love!”***”

“In these forty-one years the Blessed Mother wants to teach us and educate us, and renew in us what we have forgotten: The most important thing in our life: Faith in God.”

“Today she arrived joyfully and greeted us with her usual greeting ***“Praised be Jesus”***. She fixed Her gaze on all of us, and prayed for all of us, then prayed for peace in the world and in families and then gave us her motherly blessing.”

Unity among priests

“She prayed for the church and for unity among priests and in this prayer she left in the sign of light and the cross, greeting us ***“Go in peace my dear children”***. She invites us to pray for peace, to gather in prayer to face the challenges of this time, let us pray with her for her intentions!”

“Conversion is a lifelong process. Seeing Our Lady is a great gift and a great responsibility. She arrives as the Queen of Peace and tells us that she is sent by Jesus to help us. She repeats to us:... ***“Peace, Peace, Peace. Peace in the world, in hearts, and in families.”***”

“There is a danger of self-destruction but Our Lady tells us ***“Peace must reign among men and between men and God.”*** We have distanced ourselves from God and His love, we only want money, worldly things but Our Lady reminds us that we cannot go into the future without God.”

God in the first place

“She invites us to put God first. This reminds us of the Gospel “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,

and I will give you rest” and strength. Let us try to meet the living Jesus today, creating with Him a new dialogue and friendship and to be under His protection. Our Lady leads us to Jesus, to the peace that is found only in Jesus. So do not speak only of peace and prayer but live them! Our Lady says that there is too much talk in the world and invites us to talk less and pray more She reminds us that the stronger we are, the stronger the Church will be.”

“We are the lungs of the church. The Blessed Mother comes among us and asks us to be a small domestic church: ***“There is no prayer in the church if there is not a desire for prayer in the family.”***”

“But our families today are wounded and need spiritual healing. Our Blessed Mother wants to wake us up from a spiritual coma with heavenly medicine. She wants to bandage the wounds with a lot of love. She only wants to bring us to Jesus, she does not speak of herself but of Jesus, who is the center in all of her messages.”

The Spiritual Crisis

“The greatest crisis today is the spiritual one. There is no more love and conjugal fidelity but the Mother invites us to return to God and to prayer. Only with Jesus can we renew the family and heal it. Our Lady reminds us often of the Mass as the ***“center of life”***, and tells us ***“to go to meet Jesus, and give oneself to Him and receive Him in Holy communion.”***”

“Then she invites us to confession. to adoration, to the rosary in the family, to fasting and prayer with which even wars can be stopped. Fasting works wonders. God asks little of us but gives us a hundredfold.”

“Our Lady recommends the Bible to us, and tells us that the Bible is not a decoration but life.”

“She invites us to the forgiveness of others and also forgiveness of oneself to open the way to the Holy Spirit. Without forgiveness one cannot heal. To open ourselves more to the Holy Spirit we must pray with the heart, with love, with all of ourselves so that it may become a living encounter and a dialogue with Jesus from which we can come out full of Peace ... ***“May prayer be joy for you”***.”

“If you want to pray better, pray more because praying better is a grace for those who decide to pray more.” and also, ***“Dear children, it is not a problem of time but of love. When there is love, time will be found.”***”

“People have constantly thought – there must be some cure for death. But they so often look in all the wrong places. The message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, however, proclaims that the “true medicine of immortality” exists — the cure for death has been offered to us in Jesus Christ. In baptism, this medicine is given to us. A new life begins in us, a life that matures in faith and is not extinguished by the death of the old life, but is only then fully revealed. May we become the ‘Apostles of Peace’ and become her hands stretched out over the world. Our Lady seeks from each one something unique, a response, that we are a sign of living faith!”

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Joseph Ratzinger's prophetic words!



In the wake of Benedict XVI's departure to the Father, let us recall his vision of a brilliant ecclesiology, a view of the Church well rooted in the Bible and its tradition. How could he not suffer from the apostasy of the so-called Christian countries? In 1969 when he was just Professor Ratzinger, he saw the Church in crisis. Even at that time it was being perse-

cutted, "deprived of its privileges, almost catacomb-like but holy, a Church formed by those who seek not to please the world but the Church of the faithful to God and to the eternal Law. All will seem lost, but at the right moment, precisely in the most dramatic phase of the crisis, the Church will be reborn."

Yes, there will come a time when "all will seem lost," for the Church follows the Master even in His dereliction! The Venerable French mystic Marthe Robin said the same thing. When Jesus was arrested in Gethsemane by the traitor, He said: "This is your hour and the reign of darkness." But He was three days away from his resurrection! Darkness always has an expiration date. So, like her Master, the Church is approaching her resurrection. She will follow her Master in His Resurrection as she follows Him now in His agony!

Yes, the Church will be reborn, for the gates of Hades cannot prevail against her. She will then be holier. According to Benedict XVI, "The rebirth will be the work of a small remnant, apparently insignificant but indomitable, which has gone through a process of purification. Because this is how God works. Against evil, a small flock resists."

This is how the Church will be able to enter this new time announced by Our Lady in her messages, "**a time of peace, a time of spring**" for which she has been preparing us for 42 years. When the secrets entrusted to the six visionaries are realized, it will be the end of Satan's power.

A subtle enemy

Benedict XVI's pastoral concern was to bring people living today, to Christ, to join the surrounding culture with Christian culture. His catechesis is timeless because they expose to us truths of faith that do not change.

He had the courage to denounce the subtle enemy of Christ and His Church: relativism. He never stopped fighting against this scourge that denies the reality of Christian Baptism and sows confusion. "When the Church opposes the sins of this age, when it denounces the destruction of marriage, the destruction of the family, etc, then it is immediately opposed to a Jesus who would have been not only merciful but also always understanding... (then), to be a Christian would not cost anything... Christ went up on the cross: a Jesus ready to tolerate everything would not have been crucified."

A miracle of Benedict XVI?

I invite you to read on social networks the moving testimony of Pierre Srsich, a 17-year-old young man, suffering from stage IV non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and a large cancerous tumor on his lungs. Each new round of chemo made him more depressed. But he was able to take advantage



of a providential offer through the Make-a-Wish Foundation (USA), which helps children with life-threatening illnesses realize their dreams. Peter had a dream: to go to Rome and meet Benedict XVI. Sure enough, he did so in May 2012 with his family. But little did he know he would receive the blessing of his life! Without knowing anything about what this young man was suffering from, the Pope laid his hand on his chest, right where the tumor was and he blessed him. A blessing is usually done by laying hands on the head! The medical examinations that followed this encounter showed that Peter was cured. He entered the seminary and nine years later he was ordained a priest. Peter is not the only priest to have an amazing story, where suffering and heavenly consolation are mixed together! Looking death in the face transforms the heart. Let us give thanks to God for Peter, let us also pray for him and for all priests, that they may radiate the Light of Christ in this world of great spiritual darkness. We need them so much!

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atrophy," she said in an interview "There's nothing in the medical literature that anything like this had ever happened."

She said that a long-standing damaged optic nerve causing blindness "does not just all of a sudden look normal in two days with complete restoration of vision." According to the medical committee of which she was a member, she said, "We have no medical explanation and therefore believe this to be a miraculous healing through the intercession of St. Charbel."

"God gave me my vision back for a reason," Gutierrez said. "I want to be able to help others. I give testimony wherever I can because it's important for people to know that God does exist and he does hear us. I tell people, 'Don't lose the faith. And the most important of all is confession, which brings you healing.'"

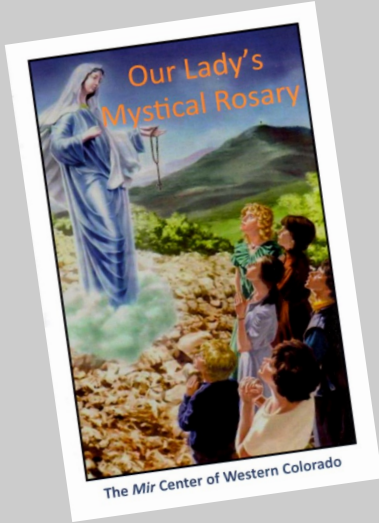
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to Communion and during her thanksgiving, her face became as beautiful as at Massabielle. At Nevers, the infirmary where she was often, both as nurse and as a patient, was very close to the chapel, and she went there as much as she could. For some time she also had the joy of serving in the sacristy – another way of honoring Christ present in the Eucharist. Bernadette resided as a boarder with the Sisters of Lourdes from 1859 to 1866. There she experienced His Eucharistic presence. Yes, His presence in the poor, the sick, and children, and also His presence in the community of the Sisters, but especially in the Holy Eucharist. These elements were already a seed in Bernadette even before the apparitions and grew deeper during her time at Nevers and were the motive of her spiritual growth and canonization.

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St. Bernadette's First Holy Communion

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Since the beginning of the summer of 1857, Bernadette was placed in the family of her nurse at Bartres. Marie Lagues, the nurse, tried hard to teach Bernadette the catechism, but her pedagogical talents were no better than Bernadette's aptitude in retaining the exact but abstract formulas of the Catechism. Therefore, the prospect of her making her First Communion grew ever more distant. The situation was blocked, but Bernadette was determined to unblock it by asking her parents if she could return home. Her father loved her too much to refuse her request, so she returned to Lourdes in the first days of January 1858.



St Bernadette of Lourdes

At Lourdes, she didn't have much to eat; it was cold, and the whole family was ensconced in just a few square meters. But here she was able to go back to school with the Sisters of Nevers and learn to read and write. Above all, she could prepare for her First Holy Communion.

A few weeks after her return to Lourdes, the time of the apparitions began, starting on the 11th of February. When Bernadette went to the Grotto, it was generally in the early morning. Unless kept at the house, she never missed class. Her progress in school was slow: she was already 14, which was late to begin. As for the catechism, Abbot Pomian did not have much more success than mother Lagues.

In the spring, the religious authority had not yet pronounced itself on the authenticity of the apparitions. But Bernadette's behavior was such that the parish priest, abbot Peyramale, decided to let Bernadette make her First Holy Communion with some other young girls on the feast of Corpus Christi. The day after the feast, the parish priest wrote to the Bishop that in Bernadette "everything develops in her in an astonishing way." Now abbot Peyramale was not a man to be easily astonished. When asked when was she happiest, during the apparitions or at her First Communion, she replied, "These are two things that go together but which cannot be compared; I was very happy in both." For Bernadette, making her First Communion at last was not the whim of an adolescent, it was the beginning of an intense life of Eucharistic devotion. Frequent Communion, and earlier reception of it for children, were not recommended by Pope Pius X until almost fifty years later. But Bernadette approached the Holy Table as often as she could, that is to say, as often as the priests, and later her Superiors, allowed her to do so. When she went

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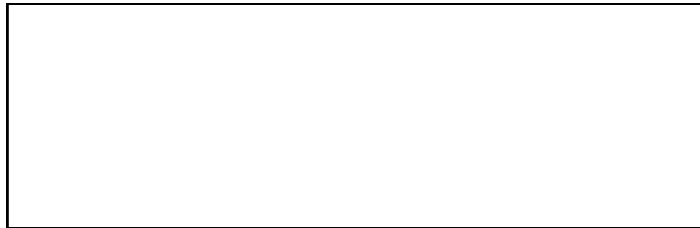
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