At Cross Catholic Outreach, we’re always seeking new ways to extend our impact and better serve the poor, so in our most recent strategic planning sessions, our leadership team considered how we should approach the next five years.

After prayer, we felt led by God to start with our mission statement because it sets the tone and guides everything we do. It reveals the vocation Christ calls us to pursue, and it helps others understand our vision and intentions.

The new mission statement we developed is highlighted in this annual report. It was crafted to magnify — not change — Cross Catholic Outreach’s founding principles, since the successes and blessings we have experienced from God over the past 17 years confirm our initial calling. Our goal was simply to streamline our mission statement to make it shine and to inspire others to join our important cause.

Now, in one simple sentence, Cross Catholic Outreach’s mission is clear: **We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.**

One reason for sharpening our mission statement is to protect our ministry from “mission drift” — the erosion of important values and objectives in an effort to appeal to a wider audience. Cross Catholic Outreach will always be dedicated to helping the priests, nuns and Catholic lay leaders serving the poor in developing countries. We will never falter in that or downplay the importance of Catholic formation as a means of blessing the poor.

Another reason for emphasizing our mission statement is to draw together more like-minded Catholics to bless the world’s poor. There is incredible power in combined Catholic charity, and we promise to do everything we can to inspire U.S. parishes and to help them get involved.

Of course, the mobilization we want to promote isn’t only for American Catholics. Our many years of experience have shown us that the priests, nuns and Catholic lay leaders serving in developing countries can also be strengthened, motivated and empowered by working together and sharing their gifts with others. We are working toward mobilization on a global scale.

As you read more about Cross Catholic Outreach’s new mission statement, our hope is that you will share our passion for empowering the Church and blessing the poor — and that you’ll be as excited as we are to pursue this God-honoring mission through your own life.

*Data presented throughout this report reflects activity from fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018).*
The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others as though they were Christ in disguise. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are described poignantly on The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website. Every Catholic grows up learning about the value and power of mercy, as did I, and many seek to express this Christ-honoring mercy through their daily lives. As big an impact as our personal works of mercy can have on other’s lives, imagine what can be accomplished for the Lord through combined Catholic charity by mobilizing an entire family, a parish, a community, a city, a state, a nation!

When we founded Cross Catholic Outreach in 2001, our intention was to be more than a ministry to the developing world. We also wanted to bless Catholic parishes, communities, organizations and foundations right here in the United States. We envisioned an approach to helping the poor that would spread awareness of global poverty — and then mobilize the faithful to empower Catholic missions overseas.

We wanted to see the Church move and work as one Body, united by God’s love and animated by his desire to see the poor and vulnerable nurtured and blessed.

Since then, we have joyfully worked to mobilize U.S. parishes to stand in solidarity with the needy and to facilitate tangible outreaches intent on transforming poverty-plagued communities, materially and spiritually. As we see it, the house or clinic or school that will last must be built on a rock-solid foundation, and Catholic formation provides that stability.

Through the years, our hearts have been blessed by the excitement this mission has produced and by the connections our outreaches have created — including everyone from Vatican leaders to African priests to the Catholic laity here at home. All have stepped forward to ensure the needs of the poor will be met!

What I love about our new mission statement is how well it reflects this desire to inspire, connect and mobilize, and also how it focuses on the most important work of mercy, which is to fully transform the physical and spiritual lives of the poor. This goal is not abstract; it’s a reality I’ve been privileged to experience many times and in many places around the globe, thanks to the generous support of friends like you.

While this annual report reflects only a small part of what our mobilized Church can accomplish, I hope it inspires you to celebrate our triumphs and leads you to dream about new possibilities. I believe we will do even more, and I hope and pray you will join us on that continuing journey.

In Christ,

James J. Cavnar

Cross Catholic Outreach at a Glance

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Around the Globe

TOTAL AID
2018 Cash Grants and Goods Distributed

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“We Mobilize the Global Catholic Church…”

Every weekend, at parishes across the United States, you will find Cross Catholic Outreach Priests celebrating Mass and sharing inspiring stories about successful Catholic missions serving the poor around the world. Through these homilies, thousands of American Catholics learn how they can make a profound impact in the lives of the poor.

Halfway around the globe, on the very same Sunday, you may also find an Ethiopian nun visiting the shanties of the poor, or a Haitian priest leading orphan children in prayer, or a Guatemala bishop exhorting his rural community to rise up, despite their poverty, and help someone even less fortunate in their midst.

Both here and abroad, the faithful stand together and manifest Christ’s compassion.

In this way, mercy flows — and the world is transformed!

Strength in Unity

A vast global network for poverty relief already exists — the Catholic Church. Many Catholic leaders are eager to help the poor in their communities, and many have developed wonderful strategies for achieving their ambitious goals.

Cross Catholic Outreach empowers those existing ministries by supporting and resourcing the clergy, sisters and lay workers already serving in the field.

God’s people are his instrument to fight poverty and comfort the suffering. It is a mission lived out by the earliest Christians. As the Bible says in Acts 4:32-34, “Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common… There was not a needy person among them.”
Father Raul: Mobilized to Serve

Our strategy of mobilizing the Church in developing countries to better serve the poor often begins with efforts to increase the capacity and reach of those local missions. The priests and nuns serving overseas have wonderful skills, years of experience and a passion to change lives, but they often lack the buildings, funding and material resources they need to move their vision forward. Such was the case of Father Raul Monterroso.

When we visited this Guatemalan priest in 2014, his efforts to serve poor families were being stymied by serious challenges. Though he made every effort to keep his Caritas ministry in the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima operational, the program was out of money. Having already laid off his staff, he saw no hope of recovery, short of a miracle.

Then God moved Cross Catholic Outreach and our generous benefactors to intervene.

Empowered, Fr. Raul rehired his staff. Then he was able to build new offices and a warehouse to store donated goods. During fiscal year 2018, our support spanned multiple projects, such as house construction, a community water system and a school feeding program. Through this partnership, Fr. Raul has extended God’s love to the darkest corners of his diocese.

“We are all part of a team. We are all parts of the Body,” Fr. Raul said. “When we bring this Body together, that’s what I call success. Everyone is important in this process. The person who gives the money. Then Cross Catholic receives it. Then we channel that to the communities.”

Today, poor rural villages once beset by economic hopelessness and spiritual decay are experiencing a rebirth as a result of Fr. Raul’s efforts. He has launched material relief and development programs tailored to the specific needs of local families, while working through the area’s lay leaders to spark a Catholic spiritual awakening.
There will always be times when urgent needs such as food or medicine must be met, but Cross Catholic Outreach’s ultimate mission is to fully transform lives and communities. The saying “rather than give a man a fish, teach a man to fish” is often used to describe this kind of community development, but we believe true, long-lasting transformation involves much more. *It must include both material aid and spiritual formation.* Only then will the poor experience God-given human dignity and find the true path to improving their own lives.

**Elements of material transformation include:**
- Kids enrolled in school and given the knowledge to work their way out of poverty.
- Families awarded small loans to start their own businesses and generate a regular income.
- Villages given permanent solutions for their housing and water needs.
- Individuals freed from hunger, poverty, disease and misery and given hope for the future.

**The marks of spiritual transformation are:**
- A growing parish with outreaches in the community.
- An active, vibrant program for Catholic formation.
- Couples choosing marriage and developing a healthy, God-honoring family life.
- Slums turned into communities through the power of solidarity and brotherly love.
- Support of priests, nuns and Catholic lay leaders in their mission to the world.

When we work toward material and spiritual transformation, positive changes in developing countries are profound and long-lasting.
Empowered to Succeed

Bisarat Hagos is a single Ethiopian woman who was supporting her 5-year-old daughter on the paltry wages she earned as a day laborer.

With funds from Cross Catholic Outreach, the local Daughters of Charity enrolled Bisarat in their animal husbandry program and supplied her with 15 chickens, which she began to breed. Her efforts were so successful that her flock multiplied to 70, many of which she was able to sell along with the eggs the chickens produced. She is determined to save enough money for her daughter to “grow up without worries.”

“I am very thankful,” Bisarat said. “I will not sleep without eating due to what I have. I am joyful, I am optimistic, I am happy. The business will prosper. If I can reach $370, I can start to build my own home.”

Higher Standard of Living

In the Philippines, Cross Catholic Outreach’s home-building partnership with ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor) has produced safe, clean neighborhoods for disadvantaged families, giving them the jump start they needed to turn their lives around. The participating families are also enriched through programming that strengthens their faith, encourages them to develop deep bonds with their neighbors, and provides opportunities for microloan support and job skills training.

One of these homes was recently built for Ronald and Myra, a young couple who had been struggling to raise their three young children in a simple bamboo shack that could be taken away from them at any time by their landlord. Ronald could afford nothing better with his earnings from scavenging through garbage during the day and fishing at sea during the night. But now, Ronald and his family enjoy a permanent concrete home, a sturdy roof over their heads, and the support of a Christ-centered community.
In Belize, public education has become increasingly secular, and many schools are little more than fast tracks to failure for kids growing up amid poverty, gangs, drugs and violence.

In response to this crisis in education, we’ve partnered with Father Scott Giulliani and Divine Mercy Church to build the very first private Catholic Montessori nursery school in Belize City. This past year, we funded the first phase of what will be a three-phase construction project, in the hope that this school will provide a quality alternative to kids from low-income neighborhoods. Our hope is not just to impart the academic tools for future careers, but to shape children’s hearts and minds to seek Christ and follow his footsteps.

The poor are flesh and spirit, and both require continual cultivation. That is why we make it a high priority to partner with parish-based ministries intent on nourishing the whole person. We rely on them to strengthen the faith of believers and to call nonbelievers to an encounter with Christ. As the Scriptures say in Matthew 16:26, “For what doth it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul?” (DRA)

Through evangelization and spiritual formation, the poor overcome self-destructive habits, strengthen family and community bonds, and gain the foundational hope needed to break the cycle of poverty and lead God-honoring lives.

Nurturing Young Minds, Bodies and Souls

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When Father Glenn Meaux moved to Haiti to found a Catholic mission, the area he set out to serve had been described as “the darkest corner” of the Diocese of Hinche. It was a desolate place plagued by voodoo, disease, broken families, unemployment and a sense of hopelessness. Most people could not read or write, and children were dying from diarrhea because they had nothing but mangoes to eat and no clean water to drink.

These families clearly needed material relief — but Fr. Meaux knew they could only experience a full transformation of life through a spiritual formation. Through his efforts, voodoo practices were abandoned, families were restored, and the Kobonal Haiti Mission became a beacon of light and life.

Today, hundreds of Haitians walk to Fr. Meaux’s mission every Sunday for Mass. They marry at the mission, baptize their babies there, and enroll their children at Fr. Meaux’s Catholic primary school. Men and women previously enslaved by cruel voodoo superstitions now live in harmony with one another, connected by their involvement with the mission and its compassionate work.

Since 2012, Cross Catholic Outreach has been entrusted with the entirety of the mission’s fundraising activities so that this beacon of light can continue to shine for years to come.
“For the Glory of Jesus Christ.”

Rosner Exil, a poor Haitian farmer living near the Kobonal Haiti Mission, has given his cow a peculiar name: “God Who Lives.”

The cow was provided by the mission as part of its animal husbandry program. Then the cow gave birth, increasing the potential economic benefit of this gift.

“I have never had cows before. My neighbors had them, but not me. Now look what I have,” Rosner rejoiced. “I prayed and asked God for a favor… In the life of a peasant, having a cow means money in the bank.”

In other words, this simple gift of a cow became to Rosner and his family a tangible sign of God’s active care for his children!

We serve the poor in Jesus Christ’s name and for his glory. Those who might otherwise turn a deaf ear to the teachings of the Church begin to listen when they see the Church’s compassionate deeds credited to the mercy of Christ. Our priority is to embody the call of Matthew 6:33, “Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” In our offices, this commitment to God is reflected in times of prayer, reflection and Bible study at the start of each day. We continually offer thanksgiving for the Catholic benefactors, volunteers and friends God has drawn to our mission. We also believe God is glorified through the incredible faith and humility of the poor, and we share those stories with the Church to encourage and bless others.

“God Who Lives”
If you ever find yourself in Lodwar, Kenya, you may hear a surprising sound: the voices of Turkana tribespeople offering praises to God. The growth of the Christian faith within this traditional African community is in large part due to the work of Father Fabian Hevi. Born in Ghana, Fr. Fabian came to Lodwar with the Society of African Missionaries and encountered an urgent need for water.

“Our work there is to go and evangelize. It has pushed me to do more than carry a Bible and tell people to repent and convert,” Fr. Fabian said. “We talk about the love of God. But some of these poor people find it very difficult to understand. ‘What are you talking about? What is love? I am here suffering every day. I don’t even have food to eat, and you’re telling me about the love of God?’ Trying to relieve them from these sufferings gives them a better understanding that there is a God who loves them, who cares.”

The challenge of providing water sources and keeping the peace in this stark environment is daunting. But Fr. Fabian takes solace in his faith and in the support he receives from U.S. Catholics. In our fiscal year 2018, five new water systems were installed in the Lodwar area with funding from Cross Catholic Outreach, providing reliable sources of clean water to thousands of people in need.
Food

Through your faithful support, the hunger of the poor has been satisfied and lives have been saved. Our feeding projects are critical for the success of Catholic schools, shelters and other outreaches to the poor and vulnerable.

2018 Food Facts:
Grants provided to: 32 projects in 17 countries (does not include projects categorized as education)
Food shipped to: 24 partners in 10 countries
Students fed through feeding grants: 4,278
Total Vitafood meals provided: 30,592,902
Total countries served: 23

Water

The gift of clean, abundant water, whether delivered by a basic hand-pump well or piped directly to multiple homes, has spared families from illness, misery and chronic thirst. You have dramatically improved the poor’s quality of life!

2018 Water Facts:
Grants provided to: 17 projects in 10 countries
Community water systems constructed: 22
Individual water systems constructed: 120
Water and sanitation education outreaches: 7

Orphans & Vulnerable Children

You have shown Christ’s love to orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children and welcomed them into the open arms of Catholic missions. There, the children’s basic needs are met as they heal from past trauma and find hope for the future.

2018 Orphan Facts:
Grants provided to: 33 projects in 14 countries
Goods shipped to: 9 partners in 8 countries
Children reintegrated from grant-supported projects: 523
Orphan center feeding programs funded: 11

Medical Care

Your generosity brought health and healing to those who would otherwise have been unable to access needed medical care. You provided valuable medications and supplies typically unavailable to poor communities, and you ensured expert care for the sick, the injured and pregnant mothers.

2018 Medical Facts:
Grants provided to: 22 projects in 12 countries
Medical supplies shipped to: 13 partners in 9 countries
Value of shipped goods: Approximately $270.6 million
Total countries served: 17
Category

Housing

With your support, families were blessed with safe shelter. Those who once suffered in leaky, crumbling shacks now enjoy sturdy homes that give them security, dignity and protection from the rain. A house is a special gift that will impact a family for years to come!

2018 Housing Facts:
- Grants provided to: **24 projects in 11 countries**
- Houses constructed through grants: **296**
- Houses repaired/updated through grants: **296**
- House construction supplies shipped to: **1 country**

Disaster Relief

You gave us the capacity to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies affecting our ministry partners and the poor. With your help, we shipped critically needed aid to communities affected by the Africa drought and to countries that suffered damage from a series of severe hurricanes, including Harvey, Irma and Maria.

2018 Disaster Relief Facts:
- Grants and gifts-in-kind provided to: **6 countries**
- Value of shipped goods: **about $9.5 million**

Education

For the children of the poor, a brighter future begins with education. You made it possible for thousands of disadvantaged students to stay in school and get a well-rounded Catholic education that is preparing them to overcome poverty and be a force for good in their communities.

2018 Education Facts:
- Scholarships awarded to children: **3,219**
- Teachers’ salaries provided: **199**
- Education centers constructed: **4**
- Grants provided to: **53 projects in 16 countries**
  (does not include projects categorized as food)
- Education supplies shipped to: **1 country**

Microenterprise

You also invested in the future through livelihood support. Microenterprise programs have freed the poor from the need to beg for food. Their earnings empower them to feed their families, send their kids to school, access medical care and afford safe housing — all while giving the glory to God.

2018 Microenterprise Facts:
- Grants provided to: **12 projects in 7 countries**
- Value of microloans provided: **$30,988**
- New microloans provided: **205**
Aid Provided by Category
2018 total grants-in-aid and goods distributed
~ Cross Catholic Outreach, Inc.

Disaster Relief ................ $28,813,663
Feeding Programs ............ $6,958,528
food, cooking equipment, cooks' salaries
Housing Construction ......... $1,861,690
building/repair of houses and shelters
Medical Care ................ $252,518,490
medicines, medical equipment and supplies, clinic and hospital support
Education .................... $1,558,375
support for schools, scholarships and vocational programs
Agriculture .................. $162,362
Anti-Trafficking .............. $78,920
Elderly ....................... $77,790
Aid to Orphans ............... $3,733,655
food, education, shelter, clothing, medical needs, etc.
Water Projects ............... $1,365,433
wells, cisterns, water distribution systems, latrines
Microenterprise .............. $134,464
carpentry, mechanics, sewing, agriculture, animal husbandry and other self-help projects
General Aid .................. $558,058
school furniture, mattresses, appliances, construction materials, furnishings, etc.
TOTAL ...................... $297,821,428

Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2018 ~ Cross Catholic Outreach, Inc.

Assets
Cash and Cash Equivalents .......... $2,489,965
Inventory ................................ $1,314,957
Property and Equipment, Net ....... $1,031,675
Investments ........................... $731,081
Other Assets .......................... $442,315
Due From Affiliate .................... $400,000
TOTAL ASSETS ...................... $6,409,993

Liabilities
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses $571,007
Total Liabilities ...................... $571,007

Net Assets
Unrestricted ........................ $5,838,986
Total Net Assets ...................... $5,838,986

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS .... $6,409,993
## Statement of Activities
*Year ended June 30, 2018 ~ Cross Catholic Outreach, Inc.*

### Revenue
- Noncash Contributions $288,953,175
- Cash Contributions $33,199,223
- Other Revenue $328,337
- **Total Revenue** $322,480,735

### Expenses
#### Program Services Expenses
- Goods Distributed $288,828,431
- Grants-in-Aid $8,992,997
- Shipping/Fulfillment $4,290,013
- Missions Education $3,335,957
- Project Development $1,157,619
- **Total Program Service Expenses** $306,605,017

#### Administrative Expenses
- Salaries and Benefits $6,312,158
- Other Expenses $693,800
- Occupancy $504,105
- Data Processing $482,273
- Equipment Rental $466,096
- Merchant Processing and Bank Fees $420,233
- Postage $203,647
- Professional Services $166,789
- Office Supplies $151,472
- Property Insurance $125,450
- Travel $102,815
- Contractors and Consultants $90,724
- Software $67,652
- Printing $9,213
- **Total Administrative Expenses** $9,796,427

#### Fundraising Expenses
- Salaries and Benefits $1,864,702
- Printing $1,219,520
- Postage $788,294
- Advertising and Solicitation $519,646
- Travel $439,295
- Contractors and Consultants $265,472
- Other Expenses $199,639
- Product Acquisition Fees $76,120
- Data Processing $58,519
- Equipment Rental $25,018
- Occupancy $23,115
- Professional Services $14,391
- Office Supplies $14,224
- Airtime $13,915
- **Total Fundraising Expenses** $5,521,870

**TOTAL EXPENSES** $321,923,314

**REVENUE LESS EXPENSES** $557,421

**NET ASSETS — END OF YEAR** $5,838,986

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**Program Services 95.24%**

Fundraising & Administrative Expenses 4.76%

More than 95 percent of all organizational expenses, including donated goods, went directly to programs that help the poor.

**Audited Financials for Fiscal Year 2018**
My deepest gratitude goes out to all of you who have answered the call to fight poverty by supporting the mission of Cross Catholic Outreach. Thank you for standing with us to proclaim Christ’s transformative love and blessing to a world in desperate need.

Cross Catholic Outreach’s new mission statement reflects the importance of the Gospel and its power to renew and transform. It also clarifies our role in this work of mercy and compassion. As the mobilized Church, we can help unleash the incredible potential of dedicated priests, nuns and Catholic lay leaders serving in the developing countries of the world. There are great hardships and challenges facing those Catholic leaders, but by empowering their efforts and confirming their value to the community, we can help them overcome all obstacles and succeed.

The proof of this potential is clearly demonstrated in the facts and figures you see in this annual report.

God has accomplished so many wonderful things through your prayers and generosity, and I believe he will do much more in the years to come as we work together to expand the breadth and the depth of Cross Catholic Outreach’s impact on global poverty. May you be blessed for your role in this sacred task!

In service to our Lord,

+ Thomas J Rodi

Most Rev. Thomas J. Rodi
Chairman, Cross Catholic Outreach Board of Directors

Cross Catholic Outreach
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Grand Master, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre

Most Rev. Thomas J. Rodi – Chairman
Archbishop of Mobile

Mr. James J. Cavnar – Director
President of Cross Catholic Outreach

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Archbishop of St. Louis

Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer – Director
Bishop of Harrisburg

Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert – Director
Bishop of Allentown

Most Rev. Carl A. Kemme – Director
Bishop of Wichita

Most Rev. Joseph E. Strickland – Director
Bishop of Tyler
Other Ways to Support Our Mission

Cash gifts are not the only way that Catholics can get involved in our work. Cross Catholic Outreach offers a number of inspiring opportunities for supporters to play a role in our effort to “mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.”

We are grateful for all who have participated, and continue to participate, in Cross Catholic Outreach activities such as the following:

**Box of Joy®** — Your church or school can pack gift boxes full of toys and other special items to bring joy to needy boys and girls whose families cannot afford to buy Christmas presents. Learn more at CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy.

**Host an Outreach Priest** — Cross Catholic Outreach Priests are available to serve as substitute priests in most U.S. parishes. During their visit, they will raise awareness of the Church’s anti-poverty work around the globe and inspire parishioners to get involved. Learn more at CrossCatholic.org/HostAPriest.

**Annual Day of Prayer** — Join us once a year for our Day of Prayer, when we celebrate a special Mass and demonstrate our spiritual unity with the many generous Catholics who help us serve the poor. This is a time not only to reaffirm our ministry’s reliance on God’s favor and guidance, but also to pray for our benefactors, our ministry partners and the poor who depend on them. Learn more at CrossCatholic.org/DayOfPrayer.

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Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

How We Serve

Rather than create new institutions to distribute aid, we support existing ministries and churches already serving the poor. In addition to being the most cost-effective way of helping the poor, empowering these ministries allows us to support the Church’s spiritual mission and its important position of leadership in poor communities.

Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach. These detailed accountability measures have earned us ongoing accreditation by the following organizations:

The Chronicle of Philanthropy
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