

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR



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Worshipping Communities of Allambie Heights, Balgowlah, Balgowlah Heights, Brookvale, Clontarf, Manly Vale, North Balgowlah, Seaforth and parts of Beacon Hill and North Manly

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Diocese of Broken Bay

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.
- Mt 17:2

FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14 *The ancient one takes his throne.* | **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9 *The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.* | **SECOND READING** 2 Peter 1:16-19 *Peter tells of the glory of Christ.* | **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Matthew 17.5 *Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!* | **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 17.1-9 *The Transfiguration.*

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MASS & LITURGY TIMES

CHURCH OF ST. CECILIA

Wanganelia St and White St, Balgowlah 2093

MASS:

Wednesday, 9am
Sunday, 9am

BAPTISM:

Sunday, 10.30am

1st Sundays of the month (within the 9am Mass)

*Baptism Preparation is required for first baptisms.
Contact Parish Office for more details.*

Thank you.



RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 5.00 to 5.45pm
Church of St. Kieran

YOUTH MASS:

2nd Sundays of the month
during the school term.

WEDDING:

Require six months notice and
include Pre-Marriage Course as
part of the preparation.

CHURCH OF ST. KIERAN

2 King Street, Manly Vale 2093

MASS:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri*, Sat, 8.30am
Saturday (Vigil), 5.30pm
Sunday, 7.30am, 9.30am, 6pm

*Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
on Fridays.*

BAPTISM:

Sunday, 11.30am
1st Sundays of the month (within the 9.30am
Mass)

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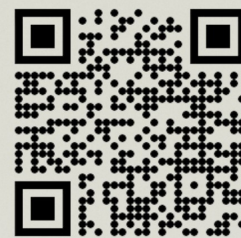
In the spirit of reconciliation the Catholic Community of North Harbour acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of these lands on which we gather. We recognise their continuing connection to the lands and waterways and pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.



WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

- YOU ARE INVITED
- JOIN US IN OUR VARIED CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES
- CONSIDER SHARING YOUR GIFTS TO US

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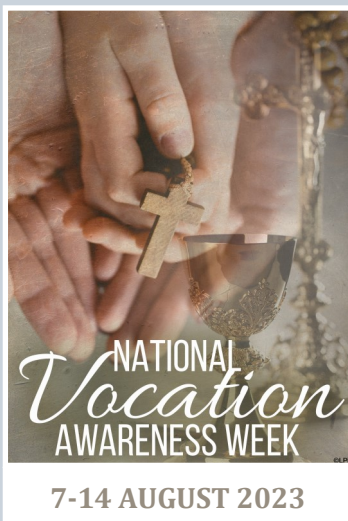
WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What does it mean to discern a vocation?

Answer:

The word vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare*, meaning “to call.” A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God’s grace and witness to God’s love in the world.



Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God’s guidance. We listen for God’s message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Some people feel they can relate to the human Jesus best, while others relate to the divine Jesus best. Neither is better than the other, because our Christian tradition has come to teach that Jesus was both fully human and fully God. We’ll never understand this with our rational minds because it’s one of the mysteries of our faith—Jesus is both/and, human and God.

Plenty of Gospel stories show his human side: his delight in eating and drinking with friends new and old, his fatigue at the end of a long day of helping others, his impatience with others at times, his grief when his friend Lazarus died, etc. Knowing Jesus felt what we feel is helpful to many.

Then there is the story of the Transfiguration that points to Jesus’ divinity and his relationship to God as God’s son. Yet Jesus is still humble when seen in that light. He doesn’t lord it over the apostles or try to coerce them into obedience. He doesn’t brag that he is on speaking terms with Moses and Elijah, two of the giants of their history. His concerns for them are only that they not be afraid after hearing the voice from the cloud, and that they not brag about their vision until after his resurrection. The story says a lot about the God we honour. Our God is all-powerful, yet chooses to be humble.



FAMILY RESPONSE:

Discuss whether you think of Jesus as more human or more divine (there’s no wrong answer). Which is easier for you to relate to and why?

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Spend some time this week imagining God saying to you what God proclaimed to Jesus, “You are my beloved child. With you I am well pleased.”

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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES



On August 7 and 9, we mark the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima during World War II. Today we have nuclear weapons which are much more devastating than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan almost 70 years ago. The Church have written courageously about nuclear war. Applying the Catholic Church's teaching about just war, which has evolved over the past two thousand years, the Church have concluded that they cannot justify the use of nuclear weapons.

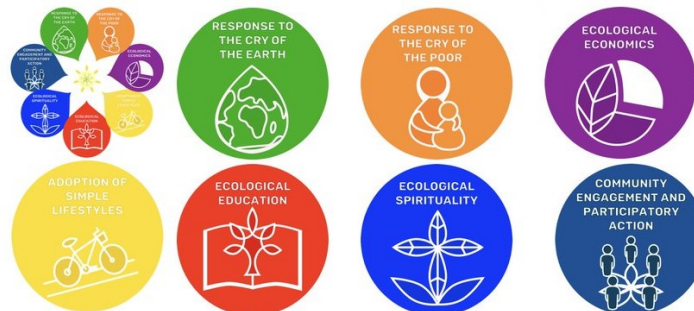
Your challenge this week is to look at how you can contribute to a peaceful world so that the threat of nuclear war is made remote and unimaginable. How are you a peacemaker in your home? At school or at work? In your community? In how you engage in civic life? What is one thing you can do this week to make our world safer for everyone?

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

On this feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, when we remember how Jesus' seemingly normal human body was transfigured into dazzling white, honour it by transforming what some might see as trash or waste into something life-giving. Repurpose something you normally throw away into something useful in your home. Or start a compost bin, letting your fruit and vegetable scraps decompose into soil-building organic material. Search online for "how to start a compost bin" for hundreds of ideas of what can work for your home.

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LAUDATO SI' GOALS



In the spirit of integral ecology, hope for the Earth and the Poor.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

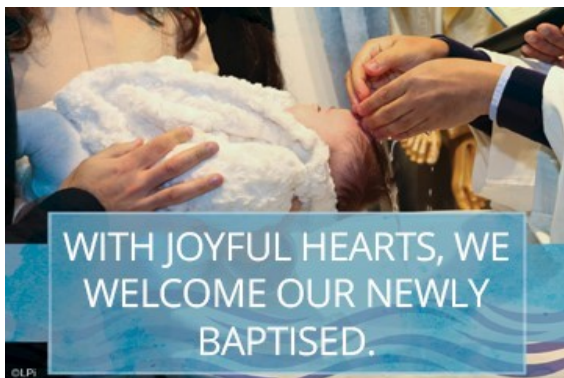
Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to parishioners who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office.

SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

If you need a priest urgently, please call the appropriate number:

BUSINESS HOURS:
PARISH OFFICE—9949 4455

AFTER HOURS:
(Evenings & Weekends)
0490 898 464



Eloise Daisy
daughter of
Alastair and Simone

CONGRATULATIONS!

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Paul Pearson, Veronica Laverty, Fred Jackson

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Louie Lui Pochiu, Dale Brede

ANNIVERSARIES:

Cathy Ewing, Maria Polito, Patrick Andrews

Our community would love to pray for you.
If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin please e-mail
parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au



MASS TIMES @ NORTH HARBOUR:

CHURCH OF ST CECILIA:
9am (School Mass)

CHURCH OF ST KIERAN:
8.30am, 10am (School Mass), 7.30pm



**WINE AND CHEESE INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 24 AUGUST AT 7PM**

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Have you been away, and want to come back to the church and not sure how?

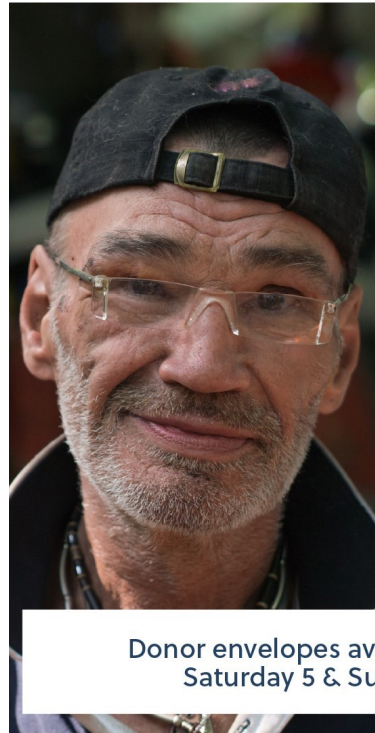
Do you have a family member or friend who would like to know more about the Catholic faith?

Were you baptized but did not receive First Communion or Confirmation?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members and those interested in the Catholic faith and practice.

Please join us for an informal gathering and meet others contemplating this journey. Any friends you might like to bring with you are most welcome.

For further information and for catering purposes please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

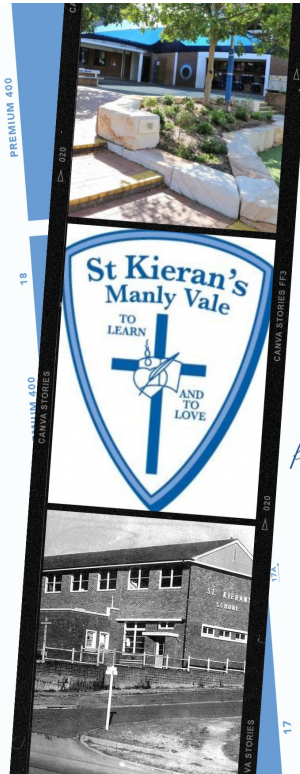


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Diocese of Broken Bay

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

Donor envelopes available during Mass Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August.



Join us to celebrate

**ST KIERAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
70TH ANNIVERSARY**

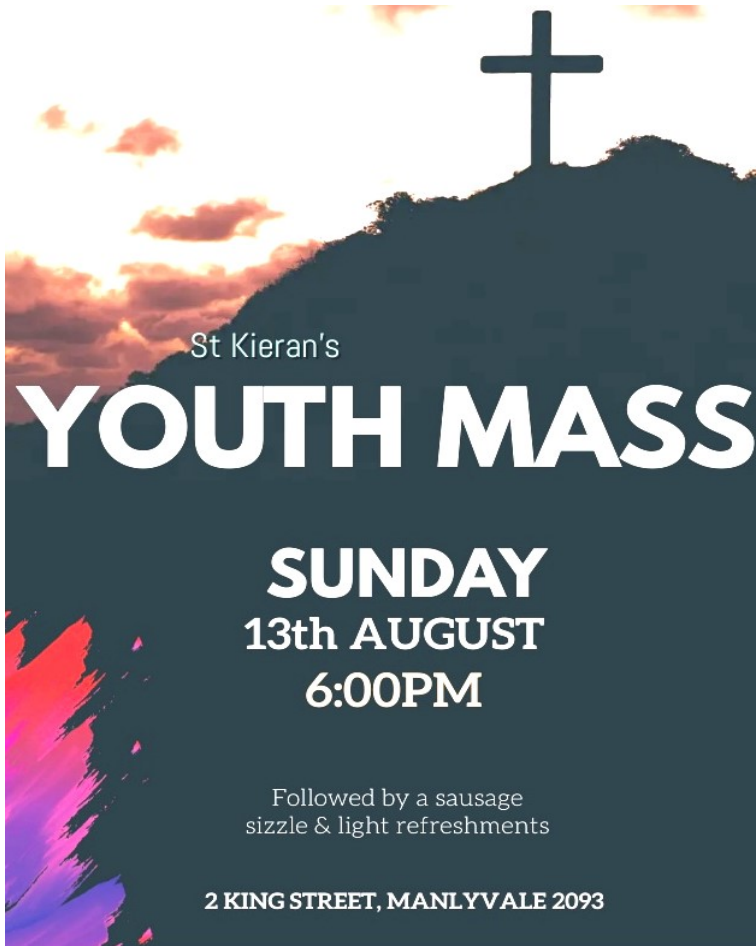
Feast of St Kieran Mass followed by morning tea and school tour

SEPTEMBER 8 2023 | 10AM-12PM

RSVP skmvddb.catholic.edu.au
or 9949 3523
by Friday 18 August

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK @ NORTH HARBOUR:

Mon, 7 August	PLAYGROUP	PARISH CENTRE	9AM-10AM
Tue, 8 August	CRAFT	PARISH CENTRE	9AM-12PM
	SNR EXERCISE	PARISH CENTRE	9.30 - 11.30AM
Wed, 9 August	POST NATAL CLASSES	PARISH CENTRE	10-11.30AM
Thu, 10 August	FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP		
Fri, 11 August	SNR EXERCISE	PARISH CNETRE	9.30-10.30AM



St Kieran's
YOUTH MASS
SUNDAY
13th AUGUST
6:00PM

Followed by a sausage sizzle & light refreshments

2 KING STREET, MANLYVALE 2093

WORLD YOUTH DAY—On the 19th of July 2023 we began our WYD pilgrimage along with our Augustinian brothers and sisters. The first week of our Italy/Portugal pilgrimage has been an eventful, enjoyable, and tiring experience as we overcome our jetlag as well. Of the first week there are many highlights. First up, was celebrating Mass in the Duomo of Milan, where we also renewed our baptismal promise. We felt privileged as the Mass was only held for our pilgrimage group, celebrated in English. We celebrated in a small chapel behind the main altar, where we were still visually and audible noticeably by the tourists. It was a surreal experience, sitting there, reflecting, and admiring the detailed architecture and stained glasses of the Duomo. We also visited the old baptismal pond where early Christians including St Augustine was baptized. The next highlight was our visit to Fatima, especially the evening procession. It was such a moving experience to be with a lot of people, sharing this poignant experience. We offered prayers to our families, friends, and the many people that supported us through their prayers and fundraising. It is an experience that we will never forget. Our first week has helped us further strengthen our faith, helped get a better understanding of our relationship with Jesus. And along the way we enjoyed seeing all the artefacts and learning the history about our faith. We felt blessed to be able to come along and take part in this journey. You are all in our prayers as we visit each of the sacred sites. Emmanuel, Jericho, Jonathan Please also check our Warringah Parish Facebook page, where we share a lot more photos and the places we have visited.



Finally made it! At Fatima...



CONFIRMATION

SPONSOR'S NAME AND SAINT'S NAME

This information is to be sent to Janette as soon as possible. The story of why the children chose their particular saint is to be placed in the Church in which the children will be confirmed. This can be done at the practice if not before.

PRACTICE WITH THE CHILDREN

Tue 15 August at 4pm in SK Church or 7pm in SC Church
Wed 16 August at 7pm in SK Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday 19th August

If you / family or friends wish to give a gift to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is traditional to give a keepsake with religious/ spiritual meaning.

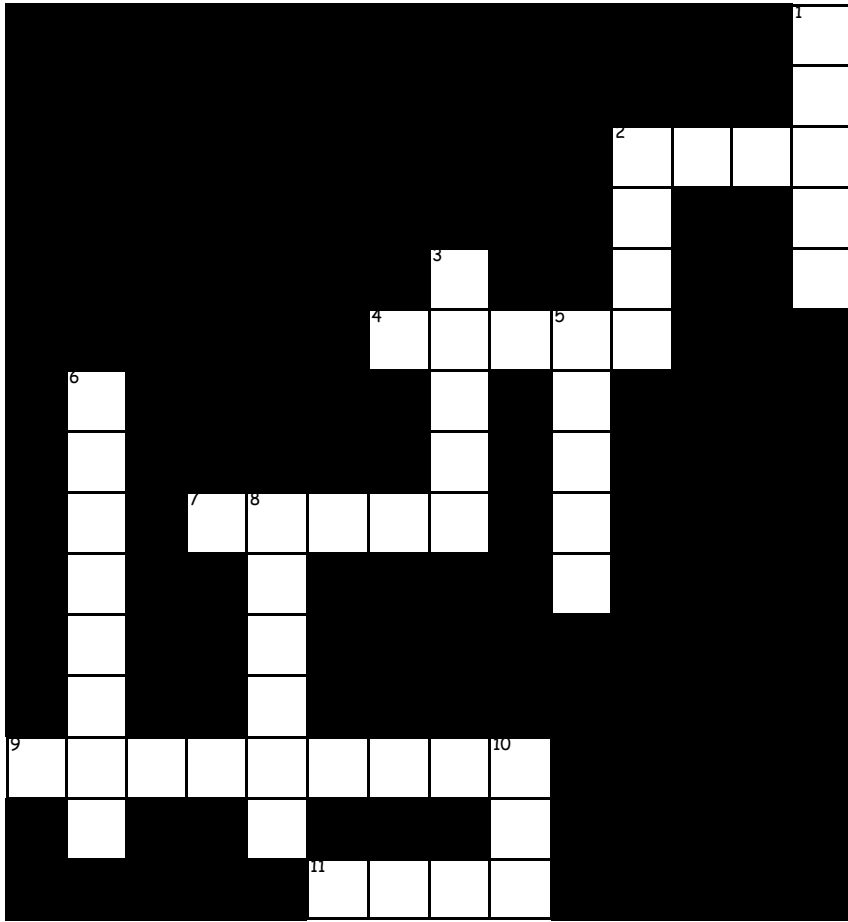
TUES 15th : 4pm & WED 16th : 7pm

CONFIRMATION GIFTS




Alpha Reunion

Friday 1st September 6.45 – 9pm
The Parish Centre, 2 King Street, Manly Vale
Come, bring your friends, family, neighbours
All are welcome



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Jesus' face shone like the sun

ACROSS

- 2: level, even
- 4: hearing someone speak is to listen to their...
- 7: the brother of John
- 9: followers of Jesus
- 11: he was with his brother and Peter

DOWN

- 1: the disciple who was also known as Simon
- 2: the front of your head
- 3: he appeared along side Jesus and Elijah
- 5: the disciples heard God's voice coming from where?
- 6: the disciples witnessed the transfiguration at the top of a ...
- 8: scared
- 10: the brightest light in the sky

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Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured. He was changed. Rays of light came from his body like the rays of sunshine come from the sun. His clothes were dazzling white. Each time God forgives you, he sends rays of love to cleanse your soul. When you forgive others, you send rays of love to their souls. Forgiveness fills your body and soul with happiness.

Prayer

Father, I am thankful for my dazzling white soul of forgiveness.

Mission

I will forgive those who hurt me.

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**FEAST DAY:
8 AUGUST**



PUZZLE

Count the objects in each group. Draw lines to match the groups with the right number. Then color in all the pictures.

4



2



1



3





Weekly Quote from St Augustine

Lord, I have waited for You to come and deliver me from every need. For me in need You have not forsaken Your law of mercy.

Commentary on Psalm 129, 3

- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (13 AUGUST): 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

1st Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

The Lord passes by Elijah as a whisper.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Serving Christ involves some pain.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129:5

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water.

12 AUG, 5.30PM ST KIERAN'S	13 AUG, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S	13 AUG, 9AM ST CECILIA'S	13 AUG, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S	13 AUG, 6PM ST KIERAN'S
Senior Server Louise	Senior Server Michael	Senior Server Ildé	Senior Server Ian W	Senior Server Claire-Louise
Reader 1 Bob	Reader 1 Judith	Reader 1 Maria	Reader 1 Terry	Reader 1 Youth
Reader 2 John	Reader 2 Jenny	Reader 2 Francesca	Reader 2 Brian G	Reader 2 Youth
Music Parish Choir	Music None	Music Anoushka	Music Anushka	Music Youth
Powerpoint Volunteer Needed	Powerpoint Volunteer Needed	Powerpoint Volunteer Needed	Powerpoint Volunteer Needed	Powerpoint Volunteer Needed
Welcomers Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Sarah & Ben	Welcomers Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 6 AUGUST

- Mon 7 Aug:** Monday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1
- Tue 8 Aug:** Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, virgin
- Wed 9 Aug:** Wednesday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1
- Thu 10 Aug:** St Lawrence, deacon and martyr
- Fri 11 Aug:** St Clare, virgin
- Sat 12 Aug:** Saturday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1

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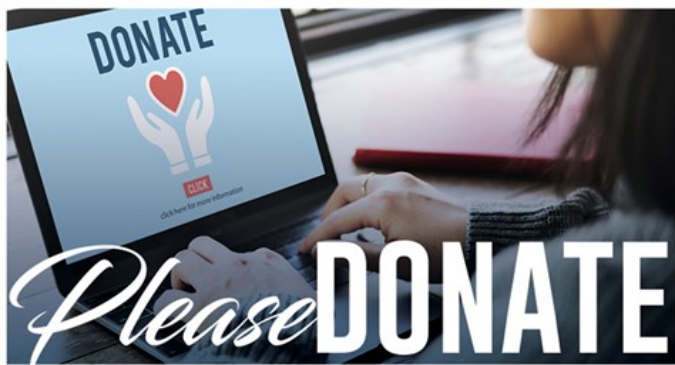
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