

What more could he do?

In the midst of Lent, we need to remember what it really is about. Lent is about living out Galatians 2:19b-20: "I have been crucified with Christ so the life I live now is not my own. Christ lives inside of me. I still live my human life, but it is a life of faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." He gave himself for me!



Fr. Larry Richards

Have we ever really thought about what that means? I mean really what it cost Jesus to love us?

On the night before he died, he begged our Father to let this cup pass him by. But he surrendered his will to the will of our Father, and that cost him everything. Jesus gave up everything to give us everything!

They tied a cross beam onto his shoulders, and forced Jesus to carry it up Calvary. Exhausted after the night of torture, he could not keep steady the big piece of wood tied to his back, so he would fall forward. And the only thing that would break his fall would be his face. His face would smash into the ground, and the wooden beam would bang into the back of his head.

When he got to the top of Calvary, Jesus fell one last time. His garment had become one with the scabs that were forming over his scourging wounds. And so when they ripped off his garments, the wounds were torn open and the pain engulfed his body once again.

His naked body was dragged through the dirt. His arms were pulled taut on top of the piece of wood before 6-inch spikes were hammered into his wrists, causing blood to gush and his arms to spasm in pain. Then they tied a rope around the crossbeam and pulled the beam and his body up onto the cross.

What pulls him up onto the cross were those nails. Can you imagine the pain as those nails lift the weight of his body? His feet are secured to the bottom of the cross with the third long spike.

As you look at him on the cross, we can hear the words that he spoke less than 24 hours earlier: "This is my body which is given for you – this is my blood which is shed for the forgiveness of your sins." And for three hours he hangs on the cross!

You know what he dies of on the cross? Suffocation! To breathe he had to pull his body up on the nails. When he got tired he would fall forward and he would start to suffocate. That is why it is recorded that he only said seven phrases in three hours on the cross.

Then when he could not lift himself up anymore, his body gave up his spirit and he died – for me – for you! He paid the price for our sins; this is what grace and salvation is about! He died so that we might live forever!

I do not think that we ever really let this sink in. What if you were crossing the street and a big truck was driving along toward you and you didn't see it? And right before it hits you someone pushes you out the way and dies instead of you. There would not be a day where you would not tell everyone who would listen – "He died for me. I should have been the one that died, but he took my place!" Get it? That is how St. Paul could proclaim: "He loved me and gave his life for me!"

If someone were to ask us, "What are you most grateful for in your life?" what would we say? A true disciple would not hesitate – "I am most thankful that Jesus died for me." This is what Lent and life is about! Is that what we are most grateful for? Do we realize what it cost Jesus to love us?

Have you ever even once with all your being thanked him for dying for you? Well, now is your chance. He is right there with you now. Tell him.

Fr. Larry Richards is pastor of St. Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community, Erie. He is the spiritual director of the TEC (To Encounter Christ) retreat program for the Diocese of Erie.

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A 'POWR-ful' collaboration Partnership of Women Religious coordinate ministries

By Anne-Marie Welsh
Executive Editor

Three communities of women religious in Erie have announced the formation of POWR—Partnership of Women Religious, a collaborative project initiated to coordinate the respective social service ministries of the congregations and to empower the homeless, near homeless, the economically challenged and other marginalized individuals. Providing a continuum of holistic services is a primary goal of the endeavor.

The idea for coordinating the efforts of approximately one dozen established agencies and services first surfaced through Erie DAWN (Dwellings and Advocacy for Women in Need), a joint project of the congregations established in 1995.

The initial goals of POWR were to end duplication of services, improve efficiency and share resources in order to better serve the target populations. POWR now also seeks to become an advocate and presence in the political and public arenas, promoting systemic change.

At the Feb. 16 news conference announcing the arrangement, Sr. Ricarda Vincent, president of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, said the two-year process of coming together was "an effort of love, disagreement and agreement." Saying all of the agencies and congregations involved are thrilled, she pointed out that the true beneficiaries of the new effort are the many clients of the agencies represented.



Photo by Margo Peters

The heads of three communities of women religious in Erie gathered at a recent POWR meeting. From left to right, Sr. Bernadette Bell, president of the Erie Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas; Sr. Ricarda Vincent, president of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania; Sr. Christine Vladimiroff, prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie.

Margo Peters, a former marketing manager and human resource consultant who most recently served as director of communications and development for the Erie Sisters of Mercy, was introduced as project coordinator for POWR.

Also attending the news conference was Erie Mayor Rick Filippi, who said the city has already worked successfully with all three communities of women religious on a number of projects.

"By coordinating efforts, resources will be leveraged to the maximum advantage," Filippi said. He noted how pleased he was that the projects being addressed by POWR parallel many of the issues his administration has tried to tackle.

"Government doesn't have

all the resources necessary to take on the many social service needs in the community," he said. "I see this as a great opportunity to harness energy." Filippi pointed out he has already worked closely with the Sisters of Saint Joseph regarding the neighborhood known as Little Italy, with the Sisters of Mercy on the East Bayfront area and with the Sisters of St. Benedict and their many projects located near Parade Street.

"We're already engaged on many fronts," he said. "POWR will allow us to maximize the energy and resources available."

See a list of the founding agencies and organizations of POWR on the next page.

Three parishes to get new churches, expansion

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife Editor

Bishop Donald Trautman has given approval for the construction of two new churches in the diocese and the major expansion of another.

Plans call for Beloved Disciple Parish, Grove City, to get a brand new home while St. Michael Parish, Greenville, will get a new addition and worship space. St. Matthew in the Woods Parish, Erie, and St. Cyprian Parish, Waterford, will consolidate to form All Saints Parish, which will also get a new church.

"When we announced at Mass that we were getting a new church, there was instantaneous applause," says Msgr. Edward Zeitler, pastor of Beloved Disciple Parish.

Bids will go out in the next several weeks for the new church, which will be located on Route

208 between Grove City and I-79. Looking to break ground this spring, Msgr. Zeitler says he hopes to be in the new church by Christmas. The church and worship space will be the first parts of the parish to relocate followed by new offices and an education complex, then a social hall. Worship space will expand to seat 475, up from the current 250.

The parish is undecided about what it will do with the old church building. "It's a beautiful little church, but it just doesn't meet our needs anymore," Msgr. Zeitler says.

Cost for the new church and building projects is \$2.2 million, of which \$1 million has already been raised.

At St. Michael Parish, Greenville, the sanctuary will be extended back by about 40 feet, creating space to enlarge the seating capacity from 325 to 550. A new administration building and

gathering space will be constructed on the parish campus.

"Right now, the administration is jammed into the front porch of the rectory," says pastor Msgr. Andrew Karg. "We'll have office and meeting space. The people are very enthusiastic because we're preserving the church we have."

The projects are expected to begin in April with an eye toward completion in a year or less. Funds for the \$2 million projects were raised mostly from the church's capital campaign several years ago.

Parish consolidation for St. Matthew in the Woods and St. Cyprian will take place April 1 when St. Cyprian church will officially be sold. Both congregations will then worship as All Saints Parish at St. Matthew church, which has also been sold. The parish will operate out of the church under a lease

How do you pick a new name for a parish?

By consolidating, St. Matthew in the Woods Parish and St. Cyprian Parish faced the dilemma of what to call themselves.

"As we were looking at consolidating the two parishes, we had to ask ourselves, do we want to combine the two names?" says Fr. Tom Whitman, who serves as pastor of both parishes. "Do we want to call ourselves St. Matthew and St. Cyprian or St. Cyprian and St. Matthew?"

The parishes thought that instead of quarrelling about what name would go first, they would ask for suggestions for a new name and vote on it. After receiving more than 40 different name submissions and conducting several rounds of voting, five finalists were chosen. All Saints Parish then emerged as the top choice.

"People are very positive about it," says Fr. Whitman. "They both have wanted a new church for a long time."

agreement until the new church is completed.

"Both parishes had an interest in building on their own but didn't have the resources to do it," says Fr. Tom Whitman, who serves as pastor of the two parishes. "Combining resources was the best way for that to happen."

The new church site is located on Route 97 two miles north of Waterford. Plans call to break ground on the church, rectory, office and multi-purpose building this spring with completion set for early 2006. The new church will seat 350. Total cost for the new All Saints complex is \$3.3 million.

Operation Rice Bowl celebrates 30 years

Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, celebrates its 30th anniversary during Lent 2005.

The program provides Catholics with an opportunity to live out the central themes of Lent. Operation Rice Bowl offers the chance to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who don't have enough food, learn about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world and give sacrificial contribution to assist the poor.

The characteristic cardboard rice bowl remains the Lenten centerpiece of the family dinner table. Using the rice bowl as a reminder of the realities of poverty and hunger around the world, participants fast from snacks and large meals and place the money saved into the bowl as a sacrificial donation.

Parishes and youth groups throughout the Erie Diocese have already begun activities integrating Operation Rice Bowl into their Lenten programs.

The Oil City Youth Ministries have set out on a project to provide a meal for the hungry. In exchange for a suggested \$10 donation to this project, donors will receive a hand-made ceramic bowl, which has been crafted by the young people of Oil City parishes. It is suggested that the bowls be used to collect Rice Bowl monies or placed on supper tables as a reminder of all who go without food.

Those in need of a meal will be invited to a free dinner to be held using the donation money.

Operation Rice Bowl raises \$8 million annually. Three-fourths of these proceeds go to Catholic Relief Services to help fund development projects that contribute to food security in 40 countries around the



Photo courtesy Matthew J. Strickenberger

Members of Oil City's Catholic Youth Ministries craft hand-made ceramic bowls to be used in their Operation Rice Bowl fundraiser. Funds raised for the project will be used to provide a dinner for those who are hungry.

world. The remaining 25 percent remains in dioceses in the United States to fund local hunger and poverty alleviation projects.

For more information on Operation Rice Bowl or to order materials, visit www.crs.org/orb or call 1.800.222.0025.

By the Way...



Jason Koshinski

For a riveting Lenten experience, mark Fr. Larry Richards' Passion talk on your calendar. It's a talk that Fr. Larry, pastor of St. Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community, Erie, says he's given "hundreds of times." While his column in this issue of *FaithLife* gives readers a small window into his talk, Fr. Larry is emotional and touches the pulse of what Jesus did for us in his Passion.

"It came out of my high school retreats," Fr. Larry says. He's participated in more than 700. "I wanted to explain the Passion, but you can't just explain the Passion. You kind of have to act it out, I guess. If I were to read the Passion to some people, they might not get it. When you intensify it, it becomes more real." The talk is Wed., March 23 at the church and begins at 7 p.m. Confessions will follow.

A new work of art at St. Peter Cathedral will be dedicated on May 14, the eve of Pentecost. The work is a large mural honoring 150 years of Eucharistic worship in the diocese. It will be placed next to the tabernacle on the wall that is decorated in gold leaf. Images from the mural include St. Patrick, patron saint of our diocese; the first Mass from the roofless cathedral in 1873; several pioneer sisters from the diocesan communities; a history of our bishops; lay people known and unknown; and Jesus hidden throughout. The cathedral is also preparing a booklet to describe the work, which has been in the planning stages for two years. More information is forthcoming.

In the next few months, Sr. Damian Fleischman will be beating the bushes, drumming up support and making people aware of the new Catholic Charities Center in St. Marys. The new center is located at 303 Church St. in the rear section of the St. Joseph Monastery. The entrance is right off of the St. Mary Parish parking lot.

"It will be a lot of public relations work," Sr. Damian says. "You can see it in its infancy." Her vision is to implement something for the Elk and Cameron Counties area that could develop into a small family center offering the same types of programs that the Diocese of Erie's Catholic Charities Office provides in Erie. For more information about the Catholic Charities Center or for details on becoming a volunteer, call Sr. Damian at 814.781.6206.

Clergy appointments

Bishop Donald Trautman has announced the following clergy appointments:

- Fr. Jason A. Glover, temporary parochial administrator, Notre Dame Parish, Hermitage. Effective Feb. 8.
- Fr. Gregory P. Passauer, parish priest, St. Patrick Parish, Franklin. Effective Feb. 9
- Fr. J. Daniel Dymski, resignation accepted as chaplain of the State Correctional Institution at Cambridge Springs and Pleasant Ridge Manor West, and granted retirement status. Effective March 28.
- Deacon William Wright, deacon assistant, Christ the parish priest, St. Patrick Parish, Franklin. Effective Feb. 9
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MARONITE CENSUS

All Catholics of Maronite heritage are cordially invited to participate in the Maronite Census.

The Maronite Church is one of the world's oldest Christian communities, and to this day continues to use some Aramaic, the language of Jesus and the Apostles in its liturgy.

Cardinal Sfeir, the Maronite Patriarch, has asked us to compile a census to trace more than 100 years of emigration of so many Christians from Lebanon and the Middle East to other lands. The one-page census, which will take five minutes to complete, will enable us to be aware of Maronites in areas where we have no presence and to better communicate with Maronites living in places where there are Maronite parishes.

Thank you for your participation and may the prayer of Our Lady of Lebanon, Saints Maron and Sharbel and all the saints be with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

- Register with the Maronite Census online by logging on to www.maronitecensus.net
- Receive a census by mail or obtain more information by contacting:

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Briefly

Hahn to speak at Grove City

Dr. Scott Hahn, an internationally renowned Catholic lecturer and apologist, will speak at Grove City College on Wed. April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Crawford Auditorium.

Hahn, an alumnus of Grove City College, will discuss "The Lamb's Supper", his book on understanding Revelation in light of the Mass.

He is a professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and is the founder and director of the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology. His bestselling books include "A Father Who Keeps His Promises," "First Comes Love," "Rome Sweet Home," "The Lamb's Supper" and "Lord Have Mercy."

Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Student price is \$3. Grove City College students are admitted free.

For an opportunity to meet Hahn in person, a benefit dinner will be held at Old Map dining hall on campus at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$100 per couple. A reservation is required, and space is limited.

For directions, parking suggestions or more information, call 724.458.7145 or visit www.hahnvisitsgc.com. This event is sponsored by the Grove City College Newman Club and benefits the building fund of Beloved Disciple Parish.

Good Friday pilgrimage set

The 25th annual Good Friday Pilgrimage for Peace will begin at St. Peter Cathedral, 10th and Sassafras, at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 25.

An Erie Benedictine tradition, a short service with prayer is held at each station. The procession from station to station is made in silence. For those attending Tenebrae prayer at the Mount, there will be buses that will take participants to the cathedral.

The group will proceed from the cathedral to the following stations with themes:

- Neighborhood Art House, 10th & Holland, federal budget
- Armory, 6th & State, war in Iraq
- John Horan Garden, Franklin & East Lake, poverty/hunger
- Northwest Bank, 4270 East Lake, international debt
- Brevillier Village, 5146 East Lake, social security
- Partners Tavern, 5600 East Lake, women and oppression
- Mount St. Benedict, 6101 East Lake, torture

Cars will accompany the pilgrimage for those who would prefer to ride from station to station. A light meal will be served at Mt. St. Benedict before the last station at the 3 p.m. service.

Sr. McCaffrey dies at 94

Sr. Mary Hugh McCaffrey, 94, died at her home, Mount St. Benedict Monastery, Erie, on Feb. 17, 2005.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1911 in Lancaster, Ohio, daughter of the late Cornelius and Catherine Weiss O'Connor. She worked in business and at a children's hospital in Columbus, Ohio, until 1950 when she entered the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Benet Lake, Wis. Sister Mary Hugh made her final profession as a Benedictine Sister on Sept. 3, 1956 and celebrated the silver and golden anniversaries of her profession.

Sr. Mary Hugh served as office manager and print shop supervisor at Benet Lake Press, a ministry of the Benedictine monks at nearby St. Benedict's Abbey, for many years. At the same time, she served as superior of Holy Family Convent at Benet Lake and as the communi-



Sr. Mary Hugh McCaffrey.

ty's treasurer. In 1991, when the Benet Lake community merged with the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, she became a member of the Erie community. She taught religious education classes at nearby parishes on weekends throughout her years in Wisconsin. When the abbey press closed in 1994, Sr. Mary Hugh began a new ministry as pastoral minister at the Kenosha, Wisconsin Hospital and Medical Center. In 2002, she retired to Mount St. Benedict Monastery.

Burial was at Trinity Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie, Pa., 16511.

(Continued from "A POWR-ful Collaboration" on the front page.)

Founding agencies of POWR

- Emmaus Ministries
- Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry
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After the Scripture readings at Mass, let the Word that was just proclaimed rest quietly inside. Think about it. Ask about it. Marvel at it. Get ready for a response.

When the presider says "Let us pray" - stop! Pray! Let the noises drain out. Place yourself in the presence of the Lord.

After Communion, sit in reverent silence to reflect on what has happened at Mass. Fashion a response as you are ready to be dismissed and to take that Word and that meal into your world.

Silence is never wasted or empty time when it is used for reflection.

Parish resource: Three-minute catechesis on the Liturgy; 26 three-minute presentations to be read at the end of Mass or to be placed in the bulletin. Cost is \$25, Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), (202) 635-6990 or visit www.fdlc.org.

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Mt 21:1-11 (procession)
Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

Thursday, March 24
Holy Thursday
(Mass of the Lord's Supper)
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday, March 25
Good Friday
Is 52:13-53:12
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15, 17, 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Sunday, March 27
Easter
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or 41: or Mt 28:1-10

ON THE COVER

Architectural renderings of the new All Saints Parish, which will be located on Route 97 two miles north of Waterford. Plans call to break ground for the church, rectory, office and multi-purpose building this spring with completion set for early 2006.

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DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mercy Center for Women mentor training: March 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mercy Center for Women, 1039 E. 27th St., Erie. As a friend and role model, mentors are matched with a woman working her way back to self-sufficiency and independent living. Contact Judy Hauser at 453.5921 or Mary Graziano at 455.4577 for more information.

NOVA – Marriage preparation for remarriage: April 23, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Center, 147 W. 24th St., Erie. For reservations, call 824.1265 or 1.800.374.3723 ext. 265.

Marriage Encounter weekend – Marriage enrichment: March 18-20, Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Bemus Point, N.Y. For more information and reservations, call 1-866-382-4163.

Engagement Encounter weekend – Marriage preparation: April 29 - May 1, McKeever Learning Center, Sandy Lake. For more information or reservations, call 1.814.768.7597 or 1.814.342.1333 or the Family Ministries office at 824.1265 or 1.800.374.3723 ext. 265.

Gannon University spring open house – Sun., April 10. Come explore Gannon with presentations and campus tours. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. in Gannon's Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, 512 Peach St. Registration is from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Waldron Center, 124 West 7th St., with a welcome to follow in Hammermill

Center. For more information, call 871.7240 or visit www.gannon.edu/admiss/undergrad/events/springopenhouse.asp.

Year of the Eucharist retreat: a one-day retreat for women, Sat., April 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., St. Eulalia Parish Center, Coudersport. Sponsored by the Sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry. For more information, call Sr. Phyllis Schleicher, OSB at 814.544.8017 or e-mail crm@adelphia.net. Reservations due by April 13.

Training for Parish Advocates: Welcoming and including people with disabilities into the church, April 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Catholic Charities Center, 303 Church St., St. Marys. For more information, contact Jackie Johnson at 814.824.1257 or 1.800.374.3723 ext. 257.

That All May Worship, an interdenominational conference on including people with disabilities in the mainstream of the church, March 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. Ginny Thornburg, director of the religion and disability department at the National Organization on Disability in Washington, D.C. will be the keynote speaker. Clergy, people with disabilities and professionals working with people with disabilities and disability issues will present workshops. St. Mark Catholic Center is accessible. Sign interpretation available upon request. For reservations or more information, contact Jackie Johnson, Catholic Charities

Office at 814.824.1257 or 1.800.374.3723 ext. 257.

PALS support group – People After Loss from Suicide: 7-9 p.m., every third Tuesday, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie.

Prayer and Sharing cancer support group: second and fourth Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., also second and fourth Wednesday, 10:30-noon, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Christian, non-denominational support group for anyone with a diagnosis of cancer, caregivers and support persons. For more information, call 864.9107 or 824.1257.

Taize prayer around the cross: 7 p.m. every third Friday, Sept. through April, Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, 444 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Ecumenical Christian prayer consisting of chanting, Scripture reading and silence. Parking available in upper lot. For more information, call Sr. Rita Panciera at 814.456.1802.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community, Erie. For more information, call 898.2026 or 452.2982.

Prayer service for peace: 7 p.m. every Wednesday, Chapel of the Pieta, St. Patrick Parish, Erie.

Vietnamese Mass: 12:10 p.m., first Sunday of the

month, St. Casimir, Erie.

Sudanese Mass: 12:15 p.m., first Saturday of the month, St. Casimir, Erie.

Interpreted Masses for the deaf and hard of hearing: 11 a.m., first and third Sundays, St. Patrick Parish, Erie; 11:30 a.m., every fourth Sunday, St. Joseph Parish, Sharon.

Youth rally: Middle school youth rally, April 16, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Clarion University. For more information, contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 814.824.1210. Not a university event.

Heart of Alaska cruise: Join Fr. John Schultz, diocesan vicar for education, on a journey to the heart of Alaska beginning Aug. 14. Trip includes roundtrip air, deluxe seven-day cruise on the Dawn Princess and several days in Denali National Park via Princess' own dome rail car. Call Gail at 824.1220 for a full brochure listing all information and complete itinerary.

Natural Family Planning classes: Lawrence Park/St. Mark, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays 3/15, 3/29, 4/26, 5/24. RSVP instructors Jeff and Linda at 814.898.1476. Erie/Sacred Heart, 7-9 p.m. Fridays 4/1, 4/15, 5/13, 6/10. RSVP instructors Mike and Annette at 814.866.0122.

E-mail calendar items for consideration to: JKoshinski@erieRCD.org

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