

BART'S HERALD

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THE YEAR OF PAUL – 2008-2009

A review of the book...
“*What Paul Meant*” by
Garry Wills

On July 2, 2008 Pope Benedict XVI began his catechesis on Saint Paul

from the Papa Ratzinger Forum:

“Dear brothers and sisters,

I wish to start a new catechetical cycle today dedicated to the great Apostle St. Paul. As you know, this year is dedicated to him, starting from the liturgical Feast of Saints Peter and Paul last Sunday, to the end of the same feast day next year (June 29, 2009).

The Apostle Paul, an exceptional and perhaps inimitable figure, always stimulating, is an example for us of total dedication to the Lord and his Church, as well as of great openness to mankind and its cultures.

It is therefore right that we reserve for him a special place not only in our veneration but even in the effort to understand what he has to say to us Christians today.

In this first encounter, let us stop to consider the environment in which he lived and worked. Such a subject would seem to take us far away from our time since we have to imagine the world 2000 years ago. But this is true only apparently and in part, because we will note that under various aspects, the socio-cultural context today did not differ much from what it was in those days.”

And so began the year-long observation dedicated to increasing our understanding of St. Paul and his contributions to spreading faith in Jesus and aiding the growth of the early Christian church. In his excellent book *What Paul Meant* author Gary Wills provides us with an analysis of the struggles of the early church and insights into Paul’s letters. Wills reminds us that Paul’s writings are older than the Gospels. His book provides background as to what prompted Paul to write to the churches and address issues besetting the early church. All was not smooth sailing for the early believers – conflicts arose among members who looked for answers. Paul provided insights and direction to resolve those problems. He continually – just as Jesus did – stressed love of God and love of neighbor as the two principal commandments.

Wills’ book is only 192 pages and is available at the Manchester Public Library.

Editor’s note: Gary Wills’ “What Jesus Meant” and “Why I Am A Catholic” – both New York Times bestsellers – are available at the Manchester Public Library.

PASTOR’S CORNER

By Father Tom Sievel

In the last issue of *Bart’s Herald*, I wrote about some of my observations after spending some months as temporary administrator of Assumption parish as well as continuing as pastor here. I continue some of these conversations with you. Both St. Bart’s and Assumption were established around the same time, some fifty plus years ago, to meet the increasing population needs of the western and then eastern parts of Manchester. Both parishes have their individual differences and similarities.

Assumption is the larger parish in enrollment of members, in number of baptisms, and in funerals. Generally, Assumption parish celebrates more weddings than St. Bart’s. Assumption is a diverse parish community with many families coming from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Haiti, and South American countries. On a given Sunday, it is probable that one can hear Hindi, Creole, Spanish or Italian spoken as the primary language. Yet, all groups support each other and the work of the parish. Here at St. Bart’s we are less culturally diverse, but we make up for that by our outreach to disadvantaged people both locally and internationally. Our high school students travel yearly on mission trips to help the poor. Both parish communities support the Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) and the Haitian Health Foundation (HHF).

Since December 28, 2008, I have had no priestly help at Assumption. I thank God that Father Cremonie and Father St. Martin (one of our retired priests) can help me at times. Still, the Mass schedule is staggering for one man to handle. Many changes will be necessary if this pattern continues. More of that to follow. Like you, I am worried about the future of the Catholic Church here in the US. Can we really expect one priest to cover two parishes like Assumption and St. Bart’s? If we do, there will be painful choices to be made. Much pastoral planning throughout the Archdiocese is in order!

Meanwhile, Lent is here. May this holy season give us the courage and strength to follow Jesus and to serve His people with fidelity.

Father Tom

THE YEAR OF PAUL – 2008-2009

Pope Benedict XVI dedicates year-long celebration to St. Paul

By Ed Rowe

From June 2008 through June 2009 the Church is celebrating the “Year of Paul”. The reason this particular time frame was selected is this is the 2,000-year anniversary of Paul’s martyrdom. The Church has always honored specific anniversaries for significant persons. Pope Benedict, while not a scripture scholar, wanted the church to highlight the important missionary work and key theological insights Paul offered to early Christianity. For the Archdiocese of Hartford, two events occurred in late January, and highlighted Paul’s message. The first was a very well attended morning lecture offered on Saturday, 1/24/2009, by the respected scripture scholar Father Frank Matera. The session was to compare and contrast the Paul recounted in the Acts of the Apostles with the Paul from his seven authentic letters to Christian communities. On Sunday, 1/25/2009, there was a Mass in the Cathedral in which the readings were directed towards Paul’s own thoughts from his letters.

Who was this man who has inspired so much writing, speculation and controversy over the past two thousand years? Here’s what can be reasonably put together from a close reading of his letters and the Acts of the Apostles. He was born in Tarsus, in modern day Turkey, to a pious Jewish family in the Diaspora. His father was a Roman citizen, which would benefit Paul during his missions. He was from the tribe of Benjamin, received his religious training from the most respected Pharisee in Jerusalem, and persecuted the early Christians. In fact during one of his travels to round up Christians in Damascus, he had a profound conversion experience. From a persecutor he went to a believer. He traveled for several years, met with James, Peter and John in Jerusalem and was given the task of converting the Gentiles. These would be people who were sympathetic to the religious traditions of Judaism. They would be Greek-speaking and their worldview would be Hellenistic. They would be the workers, small trades people, merchants to whom the Christian message would be most appealing. The Gentile converts, unlike those in Palestine, would not go through adult male circumcision, meet kosher dietary requirements or follow the 613 laws outlined in the Torah.

During his three missionary trips through Turkey, Greece, and Italy, Paul would establish communities. These early groups would conduct a weekly Eucharist celebration with readings and a communal meal at a person’s house. Once Paul left a place to further the message, controversies would spring up. This would require Paul to send letters back to the converts outlining appropriate activities and behaviors. From these letters sprang Paul’s theology and his continued importance. Father Tom Sievel was gracious to explain the two chief messages that came from these letters. The first is faith and justification of our holiness springs from the death and resurrection of Jesus. From these two acts came our life, hope and meaning. This redemption crosses out our selfishness and introduces us to a world of service. Secondly, the death of Jesus on the cross signals our freedom. Once again this selfless sacrifice negates our evil acts and becomes a source of our goodness in our actions and faith.

Paul was a complex man, a person dedicated, under very serious hardships, to getting the Christian message spread beyond its Palestinian roots. The Church became universal because of his missionary activities. In that sense he is as important as Jesus is to the history and message of Christianity.

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITY

By Bob Albert

So, what are YOU doing for Lent? Yes, I know that Lent has already begun. But, it’s never too late for you to begin doing something special in Lent. Why not give yourself a reward and join a Small Christian Community (SCC) at St. Bart’s? What’s an SCC, you ask? Okay - an SCC is a small group of people who come together on a regular basis (usually weekly or every other week) to pray, read scripture, and share faith experiences with one another. While each SCC is similar in its mission to be a foundational community within our parish, each SCC also fosters trust among its members that allows one’s faith to grow and flourish. When people of faith gather, good things happen!

Why not give an SCC a try? Please contact one of the following SCCs:

Monday SCC – meets at 9:30 a.m. weekly (contact Madeleine Robinson)

Tuesday SCC – meets at 2:00 p.m. on the first and third weeks of the month (contact Sandy Ouellette)

Wednesday SCC – meets at 7:00 p.m. every other week (contact Bob Kostek)

Thursday SCC – meets at 9:45 a.m. weekly (contact Bob Albert)

Saturday SCC – meets at 8:30 a.m. weekly (contact Paul Boiano)

Editor’s note: the phone number of each contact person is available from the church office at 646-1613.



*A Community of People
Reaching for God.*



MEET THE SULLIVANS



Young Active Nice Kind Exceptional Extra Faith And Nobly Special

By Debi Ashmead

You might recognize this faith filled family as they serve our parish family donuts or as they greet you coming into Mass. You might have seen their daughter Riley approach the tabernacle after Mass for one of her private moments with Jesus. A young and vibrant family of five, the Sullivans are engaged in many ministries in our parish including religious education, men's breakfast, Elizabeth Ministry and Council of Ministries. It's evident when you meet them; their priorities in life are faith, family, friends, fun and then work. They're proud to be developing their family's faith at St. Bart's and their spirit shines through as you see them in action. They were engrained in their previous parish, offering many stewardships as well as the youth ministry program. St. Bart's members are truly blessed to have the Sullivans as members of our parish family.

Growing up in the same town, Maureen and Rob Sullivan went to the same middle school and high school, but their paths never crossed until 1994 when they both worked at an AAA automobile club one summer. Maureen attended Steubenville University and was praying about becoming a nun. Rob and Maureen became great friends instantly, and they enjoyed being together as best friends! They hit it off from day one! Rob was a great advocate for her vocation and encouraged her every step of the way. After just four weeks in the convent, Maureen wrote Rob a letter that

she could never have contact with him again. What happened next? Their first date was at the Big E and they were married on June 26th (Derek Jeter's birthday, unintentional of course). Rob has always been a Yankee fan and they enjoy joking with other parish families with regards to baseball.

Maureen and Rob have three beautiful, spirited children: Gehrig, Riley and Brian (most affectionately referred to as "Big B") who keep them very busy. Gehrig is in the fourth grade this year, and Riley just received her first reconciliation in second grade. "Big B" is the youngest who can't wait to catch up with his other two older siblings. Maureen manages a very busy household in addition to one of God's greatest gifts, being home with her children and home schooling them as well. Rob enjoys spending time with his kids and coaching sports, such as baseball and soccer. They absolutely enjoy playing board games together on family night. Despite her busy family schedule, Maureen manages to work some evenings; and, when the chance to take in a game of "blokus", "sorry" or "trouble" creeps up, they jump on it.

Soon after they moved to Hebron, they were looking to join a new parish. Bishop Peter, a cousin in the family and a huge Yankee fan encouraged them to try attending Mass at St. Bart's. Fortunately, for our parish family, St. Bart's was conveniently close for them and had kneelers (an inside joke). They didn't know anybody here

coming from a different town; it was a stretch for them to put themselves out to meet the people of our parish but they are so glad they did. The kids' comments about St. Bart's are endearing: "...lots of friends here".... "I celebrate all my holidays here".... "I love vacation bible camp".

So introduce yourself to the Sullivans. I'm sure they'd love to tell you the story about the kneelers or they might want to know if you are a Yankee fan. If you are a Red Sox fan, they may want to stay in touch with you all season long.





THE POWER OF PRAYER

St. Bart's Prayer Line Available to Parishioners

By Henry Poirier



For many years, Diane Gluhosky, Business Manager at St. Bart's, has been responding to occasional prayer requests from parishioners by suggesting that they enter the request in the petition book. Usually, she would offer to make the entry herself. A few months ago she had an idea. Wouldn't it be better to let people in the parish know who needed prayer support directly and immediately via email and a phone tree? Putting thought into action, notices were placed in the bulletin inviting people to sign up to receive an email or a phone call when a parishioner requested prayers. Many signed up and the Prayer Line was thus formed. Some of the people who signed up for email distribution volunteered to staff the telephone tree. There are now more than seventy parishioners who receive prayer line messages via email or phone. Thanks to the magic of the internet, the word goes out quickly and efficiently. Only those who have requested to be on Prayer Line distribution receive the messages. Additionally, for privacy and security reasons, each email message contains only the name of the specific email addressee – not the names and email address of all the Prayer Line participants who receive the message.

Not long after the system began, the Prayer Line took on a new dimension. It came about when a prayer request from the spouse of a seriously ill parishioner included a plea for help to get back and forth to a Hartford hospital. When the message went out on the Prayer Line there were more volunteers to provide transportation than needed. Now the Prayer Line conveys not only prayer requests but also such related special needs. The Prayer Line now goes beyond the receivers of email and phone calls. The Small Church Community groups include Prayer Line requests at their meetings. Also, at the weekend Masses, the Prayer Line is included along with the petition book when we pray as a community.

The real meaning of the Prayer Line is best expressed by Diane: "It is a way to support each other and feel more of a community and not feel alone when ill or someone in the family is ill or needs prayer support. This way you know you have the support of other people and you are not alone." To make a prayer request or to be added to the Prayer Line distribution by email or phone, contact Diane by phone during normal office hours (646-1613), or anytime by email (dgluhosky@aol.com) or via a request form on St. Bart's website (www.stbartparish.org).

"The Church forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ by frequent reading of divine Scriptures. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." (Quoted from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in ARTICLE 3: SACRED SCRIPTURE, 133).

There are many reasons for reading Scripture, but the supreme reason is in order to encounter God there. And, our own Archdiocese of Hartford has an important tool to aid us in our quest. The Archdiocese offers a comprehensive Bible study through its office of Religious Education. As Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., Professor of Sacred Scripture, of Washington Theological Union in Washington, DC says, "It is the most comprehensive program of its kind designed to give those who participate in it a thorough knowledge of every book of the Bible and enable them to teach it and communicate it to others."

No particular educational background is required. For more information or to obtain an application for classes beginning later in 2009, please contact:

**Barbara Jean Daly Horell, M.T.S. [phone: (860) 243-9465]
Catholic Biblical School
Office of Religious Education
467 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002-2999**



MISSION TO HAITI – 2009

Continuing Support for Haitian Health Foundation

By Ed Rowe

This year's trip to Haiti will be from May 10 through May 16. It looks like the flight will be direct from JFK in New York to Port Au Prince, Haiti's capital. Hopefully, like last year, a kind soul will step forward to defray the limo cost from Manchester to the airport. Currently, Father Tom Sievel is hoping thirteen people will be going. The number is limited due to flight scheduling and the small plane that carries people from Port Au Prince to Jérémie, the site of the Haitian Health Foundation (HHF). Right now, there are about ten people who are willing to attend. About six St. Bart's parishioners, two people from New Jersey, and a returning dentist and physicians' assistant. So if you are a physician, dentist or PA - or know someone who is - would you be willing to step forward and fill up the remaining slots?

While the group is going for only five days, there is always something to be done. Responsibilities vary from trip to trip and even from day to day. Last year, one day was spent washing paint and stain cans and lids so the good quality stuff could go to other villages. Father Tom stated that first world protocols

need not be observed. PA's may be asked to supply diagnosis and treatments. Others may be asked to split up and dispense medication - whatever it takes to



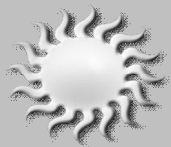
help the Haitian people survive. This year a new task will be added. For two days, the dentists, resident dentist, PA's and members of St. Bart's group will provide medical care and assistance outside

Jérémie. The group will drive to a distant village, provide services, stay overnight in a smaller clinic and head out the next day to a more distant village.

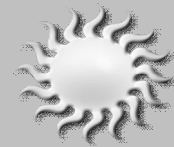
Hopefully, this brief article gives a flavor of the trip. If you'd like to go, please contact Father Tom (646-1613). If you have a connection with medical supplies, particularly anesthesia and gauze, let Father Tom know. If you can help with costs, that would be beneficial. At the very least, please keep all the participants in your prayers.

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MACC and St. Bart's Working Together Serving Unmet Needs of the Community

By Harry Robinson



The Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) is continually introducing entirely new services even as it updates and develops established services. St. Bart's, with its volunteers and its contributions, is a strongly supportive working member of the organization. One of our parishioners, Patti Wawzyniecki, a past-president and board member of MACC's Board of Directors, is one of the MACC contacts. In an interview she spoke passionately about MACC, saying that each Board meeting begins with a reading from Matthew 25:35-40, the parable whose theme is, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me (The New American Bible for Catholics)." She also stated the mission of MACC: "...to serve the unmet needs of the poor in our community - food, clothing, shelter, emergency assistance, counseling - so that people become more independent and self-supporting."

According to Patti, MACC now has a "campus" - three buildings at 466 Main Street: one for the Food Pantry and offices, one for the Community Kitchen (formerly called the "soup kitchen") and the Samaritan Shelter, and one with four apartments for mothers and children. As one of its new services, MACC now owns and operates a gift shop - Inspirations - at 65 East Center Street. The store offers beautiful gifts and cards for any occasion, as well as for religious occasions. All the profits will go to MACC. Volunteers to staff the store are especially in demand. Another new service involves the purchase of the building with four one-bedroom apartments for mothers and children (no men!). These apartments are temporary living quarters, held by women until they have jobs and some degree of independence. Also new are the changes that have been made in the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is free to those who meet MACC

requirements. Clients are treated with dignity and can shop for themselves, moving up and down aisles with a list of items to choose from. Patti said that pantry needs have doubled in the last year. MACC services 1,700 - 1,800 families a month (or 400 - 500 families a week) and adds that St. Bart's is particularly strong in supporting MACC with a major food drive every September. New last year, the Monday Small Church Community (SCC) now sponsors a weekly food collection during the other months of the year. Parishioners bring a can or package of specific food designated by the SCC for the "FEED the HUNGRY Drive." Both the September food drive and the SCC drive have been immensely successful. Recently, the Tuesday SCC group has been collecting paper goods and toiletries for the MACC pantry and is now inviting the entire parish to contribute.

The Community Kitchen provides noon meals six times a week, Monday through Saturday. On Sunday the Salvation Army provides the noon meal. Anyone, client or not, may go to the noon meals. MACC also provides evening meals seven days a week for shelter guests. MACC meets clothing needs with the help of the Church Mouse Thrift Shoppe at 46 Purnell Place. According to the MACC website, Church Mouse Thrift Shoppe has "an extensive selection of clean, pre-screened, quality clothing of all types, all sizes, for men, women, and children." These clothes are free for those who qualify or for those coming from correctional institutions or for anyone in need. MACC welcomes donations of clean clothing in good condition. The donated clothing is sold, and the profits from sales go to MACC. MACC also meets needs for shelter, "a calm, safe, quiet bed for the night." The Samaritan Shelter, located at 466 Main Street, has forty beds for adults. Insurance restrictions do not

permit accommodation of children. Guests receive clean linen and personal care items. Each guest also meets with a case manager. St. Bart's volunteers, coordinated by St. Bart's parishioner Maureen Prokipchak, serve at the shelter six times a year for seven nights - cooking meals, serving meals, spending the evening, or sleeping over. Volunteers also serve on New Year's Eve. St. Bart's also supports MACC by participating in the Fashion Show and the "Walk Against Hunger." Youth Ministry members and other parishioners participate in the "Walk Against Hunger." A confirmation class serves a meal once a year. The younger children of the parish have an annual collection with each child making an offering of one dollar. This year's collection went towards new shelter beds.

As indicated, MACC has an informative and easy-to-access website - www.macc-ct.org - which contains detailed information about services, statistics, goals, volunteer work. The website demonstrates clearly that "MACC does not believe in handouts, but firmly believes in giving a helping hand when it is needed."

With the tight economy more help than ever is needed. Patti says that a variety of volunteer jobs are available at MACC, especially at the new gift shop, and that one can volunteer for work of one's choice by calling MACC at (860) 647-8003. She adds that volunteers work with "the nicest people in the world and with clients who are friendly and appreciative." Clients seem to say, "If you could read our hearts, you would know how thankful we are." Volunteers and donors are reminded of what they already know: "The more you give, the more you have to give." Giving, like love, is a self-generating force in life.

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SEASONAL SHARING - 2008

"...an all out effort to share our time, talent and tithe..."

By Henry Poirier

Every year, St. Bart's mounts an all out effort to share our time, talent and tithe - all in the spirit of Christmas. It is an effort that involves the coordination of many people from the parish doing a wide range of tasks. Time-wise it is not a long commitment - November and December - but it is intense! In early November, Sherry Keeran, chairperson of the group, gets things rolling by contacting the Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) and the Hockanum Valley Community Council (HVCC) to request the number of families they would like us to help. St. Bart's staff is also asked for input. A notice is placed in the bulletin seeking input from parishioners as well. We are all asked to be involved. We are invited to bring in food items appropriate to a holiday meal - including but not limited to turkeys and hams. We are asked to support the Seasonal Sharing effort through the envelope system.

By Thanksgiving, the number and make-up of the families is usually established, and with the goal in mind, the hard work begins. Dianne McPherson prepares computer worksheets to insure a smooth operation. Paul Harnois begins sorting and storing the food items that have been brought in by parishioners. Sherry and Dianne make the "angel tags" for the Christmas gift trees that are placed at both church entrances. The "angel tags" describe the needed gift but not the name of the

recipient out of concern for privacy.

Delivery day is usually the Sunday before Christmas. As that day approaches, the pace picks up considerably. The gifts are wrapped by about twenty-five volunteers under the guidance of Dianne. According to Dianne, this is a fun activity with many of the participants returning year after year. Paul Harnois buys perishable food items and other food items found to be in short supply. The turkeys and hams some of us have offered to buy are brought in. Then, with the help of many volunteers, including members of the Youth Group and students from the Religious Ed program, the boxes are filled with the food and gift items - all appropriate to the needs of the designated family. The meal is complete and the gifts are age-appropriate - usually toys for the children and clothing items for the adults. The filled boxes, all lined up in the classroom wing hallway, are a very impressive sight! After Sunday Masses, homeward bound parishioners are asked to make deliveries along the way. As the last box goes out the door, a deep sigh of relief can be heard on Ludlow Road!

In 2008, Seasonal Sharing helped forty-one families, thirty referred to us by MACC/HVCC and eleven from within our parish. The annual Seasonal Sharing shows St. Bart's at its best. It is all of us providing a lot of time, considerable talent and financial support. The last sentence of our mission statement is fulfilled: "We

love one another as God has loved us by providing necessary means, opportunities and structures for people to receive material, emotional, and spiritual support both within and beyond our local community."

Matthew 26:37-40

"...Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you? And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"



SUMMER MISSION 2009

Youth Ministry heads to Charleston, South Carolina

By Debi Ashmead

This is the second year that St. Bart's youth will participate in the Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip. What's different about Catholic Heart Workcamp is the concentration around our faith. Our youth will be able to participate in daily Mass and reconciliation throughout the week as well as love and serve the Lord. The mission trip will be held the last week of July in South Carolina. We don't know who is going yet (at the time this article was written it was still in the planning stages), but we do know that St. Bart's teenagers will do us proud. We are grateful to have Linda and Tom Hamlin as the adult leaders for this trip.

Any youth who will be entering in tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade in the fall and currently participates in peer ministry, the confirmation program or attends youth group are welcome to pick up an application in the Youth Ministry office. The cost for a teenager to go is approximately \$650 before fundraisers. The fundraisers help raise money for the vans and gas as well as reduce the cost of the trip for each youth. The first fundraiser will be St. Bart's annual "dinner dance" on March 28; there is still time to buy tickets until March 23. Also, watch for the "Taste of St. Bart's" on May 15, a carwash on June 6 and a "Memorial quilt" where people can buy a square in memory of a loved one. Mark your calendars!

A typical day on their mission trip will consist of getting up at 6:45 a.m. for breakfast in order to get to their job site by 8:00 a.m. The youth will be participating in manual labor, such as painting, yard work, indoor or outdoor clean up and home repairs. They could also be helping with children at day care centers or sorting and distributing food at food banks. During the workday, our youth will have time for lunch, sharing their experiences, and time for reflection. At the end of their day of serving, our parish family teens will return to home base to get cleaned up, hang out with friends, nap and get ready for their evening. Evenings will be faith-filled with music, videos, skits, pictures of their day, motivational speakers and many fun activities to get them charged and ready for the next day. Our teens will have a chance to share their testimonies, and each evening will inspire them to serve and help renew their commitment to God.

St. Bart's parish family benefits tremendously from our teenagers in many ways. When they return from a mission trip they return to our faith family as stronger community members who are anxious to serve here, too. Thank you to all the parish members who support the youth ministry programs. We could not do it without your prayers and support. Check out the Catholic Heart Workcamp website at www.heartworkcamp.com.

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