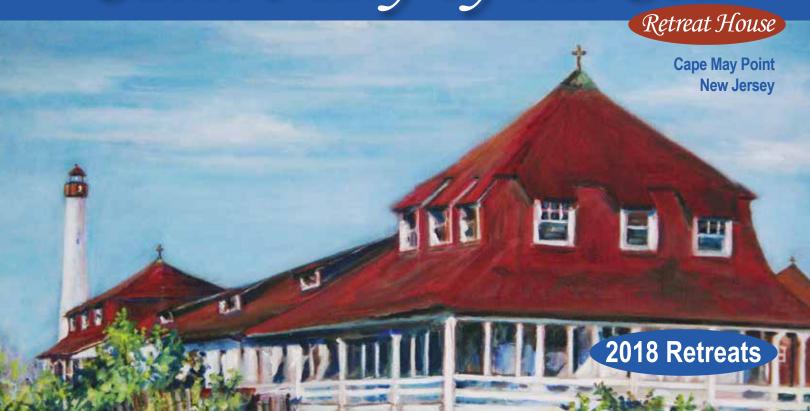
Saint Mary by-the-Sea



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Welcome!

Saint Mary by-the-Sea is a sacred space where all are welcome to come and experience the heart of God through prayer, silence, and solitude. Come, spend time in contemplation and encounter the profound voice of God anew. This serene and peaceful setting by the ocean affords Sabbath time

to rest . . .

to restore ...

to recharge . . .

to revitalize

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia are honored to 'deliberately and passionately' share our Cape home with you!

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our Mission

Saint Mary by-the-Sea, Cape May Point, is a retreat house sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia to provide opportunities for varied retreat experiences in the hope of contributing to the wholeness of lives and to a healthy rhythm of prayer, work, and rest for the sake of mission.

The staff of Saint Mary by-the-Sea is committed to:

- the mission of unity and the spirit of self-emptying love and cordial hospitality to which the Sisters of Saint Joseph are called.
- a retreat atmosphere conducive to prayer through quiet, a climate of communal presence to God, and respect for individual privacy.
- daily prayerful celebrations of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- a variety of styles of retreat offerings.
- clean and comfortable accommodations and nourishing well-balanced meals, within the limits of affordability.

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Ministry Team

Core Staff

Sharon McCarthy SSJ
Administrator

Assistant Director/
Summer Reservations

Kathy Hart SSJ

Director of Maintenance

Roseann Tribuiani SSJ
Director of the House

Rita McGlade Kitchen Manager

Mary Ann Mulzet SSJ

Administrative Assistant/Liturgist Winter/Spring Reservations

Program Staff

Trudy Ahern SSJ Maria Metzger SSJ Maria McCoy SSJ Margie Thompson SSJ

Retreat Descriptions

For You alone my soul waits in silence. (Psalm 62:1)

Silence is that place just before the voice of God. It is the void in which God and I meet in the center of my soul. It is the cave through which the soul must travel, clearing out the dissonance of life as we go, so that God who is waiting there for us to notice can fill us.

(Joan Chittister OSB—Illuminated Life)

We deeply respect **silence** in order to provide an atmosphere of reverence for each retreatant's encounter with God. Silence is observed throughout the house on all five-, six-, and eight-day directed and guided retreats, day and night, including meals.

A directed retreat is a one-on-one experience. A director meets with the retreatant each day to reflect on the interior movements of the retreatant's prayer and to discern with the retreatant the presence of the Spirit. The only communal gathering is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is suggested that one have some knowledge and experience of a shorter silent directed retreat prior to participation in an extended directed retreat. Requests for a particular director are honored as far as possible.

A guided retreat is based on a theme and may have one or several directors who provide daily input to the group. Considerable time for personal prayer is included. While silence is usually observed, there may be some time for sharing. Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated daily. Some guided retreats include occasional times for private interviews with the director.

A **spiritual enrichment program** is based on a theme, has one or more directors, is usually two to four days, and allows for less silence as well as time for sharing. Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated on Sunday with the possibility of other days as well.

2018 Calendar

Information about programs below: stmary@ssjphila.org or 609-884-8878. Reservations: use enclosed form or print form from website.

June 8 - 10	Calling All Creative Spirits Spiritual Enrichment Program Maryanne Zakreski SSJ	July 24 - 31	Celebrating A Deeper Communion: Six Gestures Toward Self-Transcendence and a New Future Guided Retreat Liz Sweeney SSJ
June 14 - 17	A Centering Prayer Retreat for those in 12 Step Programs Patty Creech, Rita Woehlcke SSJ	July 31 - August 6	Women in the Gospels: Our Companions for the Journey Guided Retreat
June 21 - 28	Directed Retreat (Six Days)		Mary Schneiders OP
June 28 - July 5	Growing into God: With Etty Hillesum to Companion Us	August 6 - 15	Directed Retreat (Eight Days)
	Guided Retreat Cathy Nemey SSJ	August 16 - 23	Directed Retreat (Six Days)
July 5 - 14	Directed Retreat (Eight Days)	August 23 - 30	Meeting Francis de Sales Under the Cross Guided Retreat Mark Plaushin OSFS
July 15 - 22 or 24	Directed Retreat (Six or Eight Days)		Wark Flaustill OGFS
	•	September 10 - 17	Directed Retreat (Six Days)
		September 30 - October 5	Directed Retreat (Four Days) Limit 10

2018 Calendar

While these programs will be held at Cape May Point, to obtain information or make reservations, please use contact information below.

June 1 - 3 Women's Wellness Weekend

Information/Reservations:

development@ssjphila.org or 800-482-6510.

30-Day Retreat June 21 - July 24

> Information/Application: Margie Thompson SSJ Sisters of Saint Joseph 927 Bethlehem Pike

Erdenheim, PA 19118

mthompsonssi@gmail.com or 610-574-9079

Retreat Directors:

Maria McCoy SSJ Margie Thompson SSJ

September 5

Women's Retreat Day

Information/Reservations:

609-884-8708 Limit 50

September 7 - 9

Women's Wellness Weekend

Information/Reservations:

development@ssiphila.org or 800-482-6510.

September 18

Women's Retreat Day

Information/Reservations:

609-884-8708 Limit 50

September 19

Women's Retreat Day

Information/Reservations:

609-884-8708 Limit 50

September 22 - 23 SSJ Associates in Mission Retreat

Information/Reservations:

tpierson@ssiphila.org or 215-248-7271 (Limited to SSJ Associates in Mission)

September 27

Women's Retreat Day

Information/Reservations:

609-884-8708 Limit 50

Directed Retreats

See page 5 for description of a Directed Retreat

June 21 - July 24 (30-Day Retreat)

The **30-Day Retreat** according to the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be offered on a personally directed basis. It is expected that the applicant has made several sixto eight-day silent directed retreats and is receiving spiritual direction.

Retreat Directors: Maria McCoy SSJ, Margie Thompson SSJ

Request for application due no later than March 20, 2018 - Limited Registration

For further information contact: Margie Thompson SSJ

mthompsonssj@gmail.com or 610-574-907 Postal mailing address on Page 7.

Donation: \$2350

Non-refundable Deposit: \$250 (SSJ Phila: \$0)

June 21 - 28 (Six Days)

Laura Arvin OP Assunta Boyle RSM Maureen Christensen RSM Gerry Fitzpatrick SSJ Mary Kay Flannery SSJ Julie Grey OP Cathy Looker SSJ Mary Lynch SSJ Eileen Dorothy Maguire SSJ Anne McCoy SSJ Doris Mical CSJP Margaret Rohde rc Barbara Springer SSJ Rita Woehlcke SSJ

Donation: \$550 (SSJ Phila: \$520)

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$0)

July 5 - 14 (Eight Days)

Helen Cahill OP Annie Dougherty OSF Kathleen Durkin CSJ Pat Hickey SSJ Cathy Looker SSJ Pauline LaMothe OP Mary Lynch SSJ Eileen McGovern SSJ Peg Oravez SSJ Kathleen Smith RSM Mary Spratt rc Mary Catherine Walton SSJ

Donation: \$630 (SSJ Phila: \$560)

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$40)

July 15 - 22 (Six Days) **July 15 - 24** (Eight Days)

Deadline to change option: May 29, 2018. For changes after this date, the eight day donation applies.

Margaret Ellen Burke SC Helen Cahill OP Dolores Clerico SSJ Annie Dougherty OSF Carolynne Ervin Pat Hickey SSJ Pauline LaMothe OP Mary Elizabeth Looby GNSH Marion Lynch OSU Eileen McGovern SSJ Janet Mock CSJ Peg Oravez SSJ Mary Virginia Quinn IHM Rev Bob Uzillio

Mary Catherine Walton SSJ

Six-Day Donation: \$550 (SSJ Phila: \$520) Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$0) Eight-Day Donation: \$630 (SSJ Phila: \$560) Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$40)

August 6 - 15 (Eight Days)

Trudy Aherne SSJ Pauline LaMothe OP Carol Beevers SSI Cathy Looker SSJ Kathy Boyle SSJ Marion Lynch OSU Claire McNichol SSI Helen Cahill OP Maria Metzger SSJ Vincent Fortunato ofmCap Doris Mical CSJP Julie Grev OP Mary Louise Heffernan SSJ Janet Mock CSJ Pat Hickey SSJ Rita Woehlcke SSJ

Donation: \$630 (SSJ Phila: \$560)

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$40)

August 16 - 23 (Six Days)

Helen Cahill OP Pat Mensing SSJ Dolores Clerico SSJ Maria Metzger SSJ Carolynne Ervin Sally Russell SSJ Mary Louise Heffernan SSJ Mary Spratt re Pat Hickey SSJ Marcy Springer SSJ Pauline LaMothe OP Liz Sweenev SSJ Cathy Looker SSJ Margie Thompson SSJ Kathryn Madden rc Rita Woehlcke SSJ

Donation: \$550 (SSJ Phila: \$520)

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$0)

September 10 - 17 (Six Days)

Assunta Boyle RSM Peg Conboy SSJ Clare D'Auria OSF Julie Grey OP Pat Hickey SSJ Mary Ellen Higgins IHM Jean Marie Holup SSCM Chris Koellhoffer IHM Eileen Smith RSM Barbara Springer SSJ

Donation: \$550 (SSJ Phila: \$520)

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$0)

September 30 - October 5 (Four Days)

(Takes place in Queen of the Sea, one of our smaller houses.)

Margaret Ellen Burke SC Eileen McGovern SSJ

Donation: \$360

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$0)

Guided Retreats

See page 5 for description of a Guided Retreat

Growing into God: With Etty Hillesm to Companion Us

June 28 - July 5 (Six Days)

Cathy Nerney SSJ

This guided retreat will invite us to clear out new space for God in our hearts as we follow the two-year transformation of Etty Hillesum, a young Dutch Jewish woman who died in Auschwitz in 1943. Through praying with and reflecting on Etty's journals, entitled *An Interrupted Life*,* we will discover how one woman's intimate relationship with God provides a mirror for us to see more clearly just how closely God desires to grow in us through the circumstances of our own lives, "the beautiful and the painful," as Etty described them. Beyond marveling at how remarkably Etty came to resemble the God who dwelled in her, retreatants will ponder what God is doing so awesomely in them. Excerpts from Etty's journals will be distributed as part of our daily prayer and reflection time, but retreatants will benefit from reading more of her journal entries, along with their personal prayer and journaling.

*Some copies of Etty's journals, An Interrupted Life, will be available for purchase.

Donation: \$550 (SSJ Phila: \$520)

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$0)

Celebrating A Deeper Communion

July 24 - 31 (Six Days)

Liz Sweeney SSJ

In her poem "Such Silence," Mary Oliver sings about 'staying long enough' to sense the deeper roots of everything—the deeper roots of this precious life we live in communion with the Holy, with one another, with the beauty and suffering of our world, and with all creation. Only in this communion does our very presence become healing and compassion. Through contemplative practices of silence and attunement, of 'staying longer,' and of embodied presence, this retreat will invite us to heal, celebrate, and sing the deeper roots of everything.

This retreat will be like the retreat of the same name that Liz gave at Cape May Point in 2016. The content will be updated; the handouts will be similar.

Limit 55

Donation: \$550 (SSJ Phila: \$520)

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$0)

Women in the Gospels: Our Companions for the Journey

July 31 - August 6 (Five Days)

Mary Schneiders OP

What was important to the women in the gospels is still important to women and men today: love, hope, finding meaning and purpose in life, giving birth, family, friends, service, healing for ourselves and others, etc. Come encounter anew these biblical companions, and see how their stories, especially their interactions and relationships with Jesus, intersect with, inspire, and enrich our own.

Donation: \$470 (SSJ Phila: \$470)

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$0)

Meeting Francis de Sales Under the Cross August 23 - August 30 (Six Days)

Mark Plaushin OSFS

This retreat will invite you to reflect on how the Cross is portal to an experience of the simple, straightforward spirituality of Francis de Sales (1567-1622). Consistent with Francis' hallmark, universal call to holiness, this retreat is for any person who daily attempts to carry her or his cross and follow Jesus. The retreat will weave parts of Francis' life story into the Cross's iconic, though understated, importance in Salesian spirituality.

At Saint Mary by-the-Sea, a place of peace and beauty, we will cultivate solitude, silence, and prayer, and explore the Cross as eloquent response to life's dilemmas and the exigencies of our times. We will look at how Francis appropriated the Cross as sign of social resistance, as sacrament, and as a signal marking the way to authentic life in Christ.

Donation: \$550 (SSJ Phila: \$520)

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50 (SSJ Phila: \$0)

Centering Prayer Retreat

A Centering Prayer Retreat for those in 12 Step Programs

June 14 - 17

Patty Creech, Rita Woehlcke SSJ

"The practice of Centering Prayer has parallels with other traditional practices, and is simple and easy to do. For those who live by the 12 Steps found in AA, Al-Anon, SCA, OA, DA, NA, GA, and other programs, a Centering Prayer practice can be a key support system in the process of recovery and transformation. Centering Prayer can help deepen our application of the 12 Steps generally, and the 11th Step specifically, through daily immersion in prayer and meditation. We believe that, when applied as a daily supplement to the 12 Steps, Centering Prayer open us to the deepest dimension of spirituality." For more information, please see www.12stepoutreach.

This retreat is predominantly silent (including meals). The fellowship occurs in the sharing of silent prayer and the evening 12 Step meetings.

Donation: \$280

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50

Spiritual Enrichment Program

See page 5 for description of a Spiritual Enrichment Program

Calling All Creative Spirits

June 8 - 10

Maryanne Zakreski SSJ

Come and nourish your creative Spirit!

This weekend is a gift of time and space to ourselves and to the creative process. Join other artists for a weekend of learning, prayer, reflection, creativity and a variety of workshops. Beginning and advanced creative seekers are welcome!

Donation: \$330

Non-refundable Deposit: \$50

General Information

Our beloved Victorian-era beachfront retreat house is, in spite of significant recent improvements, physically inconvenient in many ways. Saint Mary by-the-Sea's historic structure does not provide a safe environment for persons with limited mobility. If you are not physically able, Saint Mary is most likely not a good place for your retreat. Please be aware that no health services are available on site. The nearest hospital is 14 miles away.

We regret that we are not able, for safety reasons, to accommodate persons who use walkers, mobility scooters, or wheelchairs.

Elevator: We have a small elevator that will help get luggage to the upper floors. It will assist those who have trouble with stairs, and it will enable them to sit on our second-floor porches and enjoy the ocean view. This one small elevator, however, will not make our facility handicap-accessible. To have a bedroom on the second floor, you must be sufficiently agile to manage one flight of stairs in case of an emergency or elevator failure.

If you cannot manage at least one flight of stairs, please request a first-floor room.

For Retreats from June 14 through September 1:

Arrival Day 1:00 PM Rooms are available

5:30 PM Supper

7:00 PM Retreat begins

Departure Day 7:00 - 9:30 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

Early Arrivals or Late Departures must be requested in advance. Such arrangements cannot be confirmed until June. A donation is expected for added days.

Late Arrivals If you plan to arrive later than 7:00 PM, please let us know in advance. If circumstances on the day of your arrival prevent you from arriving by 7:00 PM, please call us (609-884-8878).

General Information (continued)

Guest Rooms: First, second, third, and fourth floors; single occupancy. The houses are not handicap-accessible. Capacity is approximately 100 guests.

Please Bring: BATH TOWELS and toiletries.

Useful to Bring: Bible, journal, bicycle, fan, coffee mug, mosquito repellent, sun screen, beach towel, beach chair, music player/earphones.

Provided: Iron/ironing board, pay laundry machines, bed linens.

Dress: Casual. Shirts/shoes required in chapel, dining room, and kitchen.

Beach: The house is on the beach. Beach tags are available for a \$5 donation plus a \$5 deposit.

Massage Therapy: A massage therapist is available during most of our retreats. Cost is approximately \$45.

Telephone: 609-884-8878. Please call only between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. **CALLS FOR GUESTS: MESSAGES ONLY, PLEASE.** If there is need to speak with a guest directly, please arrange in advance for the guest to be near the phone when you call. Try to avoid calls on the opening day of a retreat. The phone available to guests requires a phone card for long distance.

Dietary: If you have special dietary needs/requests, please bring supplementary food. We cannot always guarantee entire gluten-free meals. Almost all meals include a salad bar with a protein item.

Mailing List: To be added to the mailing list for next year's retreat brochure, contact Mary Ann Mulzet SSJ at stmary@ssjphila.org or 609-884-8708. Include your email address if you can receive a link to the online brochure rather than a paper copy. Email is preferred.

Volunteer Information

You are invited to volunteer for the 2018 staff

See calendar on pages 6-7 for the dates for all programs.

We look forward to welcoming new as well as experienced staffers, and, as we look to the future, we are eager to welcome young volunteers. All positions require good health and physical stamina. We work hard, enjoy each other and the beach, and have lots of fun!

Liturgist / Sacristan tends to chapel and sacristy needs and coordinates liturgical celebrations in collaboration with the presider and retreat directors.

Cooks (2) prepare all meals according to the kitchen manager's plans.

Kitchen Helpers (2) assist in meal preparation.

Salad Bar Staff (2) prepares salads for dinner and supper.

Pantry Staff (2) prepares beverages, breads, condiments, and desserts for all meals.

Dining Room Staff (2) organizes and oversees the serving area and equipment for all meals and keeps the dining room in good order.

Kitchen Dishwashers (2) clean pots and pans and help with kitchen cleaning.

Lobby Desk receptionist provides a welcoming presence in the lobby, greets guests, responds to inquiries, and occasionally answers the phone.

Queen / Saint Joseph House cleaner refreshes both houses daily.

Laundry / Snack Room staffer washes the kitchen towels and bathroom towels and mats daily, keeps laundry and snack rooms clean, and maintains the coffee and snack stations.

Bathrooms / **Dishwasher Staff** (4) cleans the bathrooms daily and operates the dishwasher after all meals.

To volunteer, please call 609-884-8708.

Driving Directions

From Pennsylvania

- Whitman or Franklin Bridges, Route 42 South, Route 55 South.
 - OR Commodore Barry Bridge, Route 322 East, Route 55 South
 - OR Delaware Memorial Bridge, Route 40 South, Route 55 South
- Route 55 ends and becomes Route 47, then Route 347, and again becomes Route 47.
- Turn right at the Post Office in Rio Grande onto Railroad Avenue, which becomes Seashore Road and then Broadway.
- Turn right at Sunset Boulevard (traffic light).
- Turn left at Lighthouse Avenue, the second left after passing Route 607.
- Turn right at the lighthouse; Saint Mary by-the-Sea is ahead, on the left.

From the Garden State Parkway

- Garden State Parkway South until it ends
- Continue south, straight through Cape May to the end of Lafayette Street.
- Turn right. Follow the street around to the left, through two traffic lights, onto Sunset Boulevard.
- Follow last two lines of directions from Pennsylvania

From the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal

- Route 9 (Sandman Boulevard) for about two miles
- Turn right at Seashore Road (traffic light) which becomes Broadway and go about two miles to the traffic light at Sunset Boulevard.
- Follow last three lines of directions from Pennsylvania

Reservation Directions

Saint Mary by-the-Sea provides opportunities for annual retreat for Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia; therefore, priority is given to reservations from Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia until December 20, 2017. Other reservations are welcome at any time and will be processed after December 20, 2017.

Most retreat spaces are reserved by mid-June. Before mailing a reservation after May 1, please call to learn whether there is any space. Responses to telephone inquiries and mailed reservations will be delayed from May 25-June 8 because of summer staffing adjustments.

Private Retreat information is available by contacting Patricia O'Donnell SSJ at stmary@ssjphila.org or 609-884-8878; after **June 12** for retreat dates in June or after **June 24** for other dates. The silent prayerful spirit of our retreats must be observed. Reservations for private retreat time cannot be finalized until reservations for scheduled retreats have been processed.

Rooms are single. Room assignments are made and preferences are honored in the order in which reservations are received. For a room near another person, include that person's FULL name on the reservation form.

Health Needs receive priority in assigning rooms. Indicate on the reservation form if health, especially inability to climb stairs, is a consideration. If we are unable to meet your health needs, we will contact you. Let us know if your health needs change.

Room Preferences (e.g., 3rd floor, or facing street, or not facing porch) MUST be sent with the reservation. Room assignments for the entire season are finalized in June. Preferences arriving later can rarely be honored except for health reasons. **Please ask for a general location, not a specific room.** Specify which of two preferences is more important (e.g., ocean view or third floor). Only about half of our rooms have ocean views. Room choice is limited if the reservation does not arrive early in the reservation season.

FOR EACH RESERVATION PLEASE SEND:

- A separate completed RESERVATION FORM for each person. A link to the reservation form may be found on www.stmarybythesea.org, below the picture on the home page.
- SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE for your confirmation.
- Non-refundable DEPOSIT: see the descriptions of the retreats on pages 8 - 12 for the amount. Please do not send more than the requested deposit.
- **4.** For Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, \$520 is already paid toward your retreat. Send entire additional fee with reservation.
- Deposits apply to the total amount. Balances should be paid on arrival day by check or cash only, NO CREDIT CARDS.
- After May 1, call to learn whether there is space before mailing a reservation.

Reservation Directions (continued)

Please make checks payable to Sisters of Saint Joseph. Send form, deposit, and self-addressed stamped envelope to:

> RESERVATIONS OFFICE SAINT MARY BY-THE-SEA P. O. BOX 382, 101 LEHIGH AVENUE CAPE MAY POINT, NJ 08212

Confirmations guarantee a room, but not a specific room assignment. Your confirmation is your receipt. Bring it with you.

Mailing of confirmations will begin no later than January 31. After January 31, if you do not receive a confirmation within approximately one month, please inquire by email, mail, or phone.

CANCELLATIONS: Notify us as early as possible so your place may be offered to others.

Inquiries may be made to:
stmary@ssjphila.org
609-884-8878 — 9:00 - 11:00 AM
From May 25 - June 8, phone inquiries
are processed for June programs ONLY.

THIS BROCHURE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

about your stay at Cape May Point.

This brochure is posted online, along with the reservation form and information about our retreat directors. These may be found at www.stmarybythesea.org. Links are located below the picture on the home page.

Paper copies of this brochure are available from Mary Ann Mulzet SSJ stmary@ssjphila.org or 609-884-8708.





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