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Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here.

OCTOBER 25, 2020 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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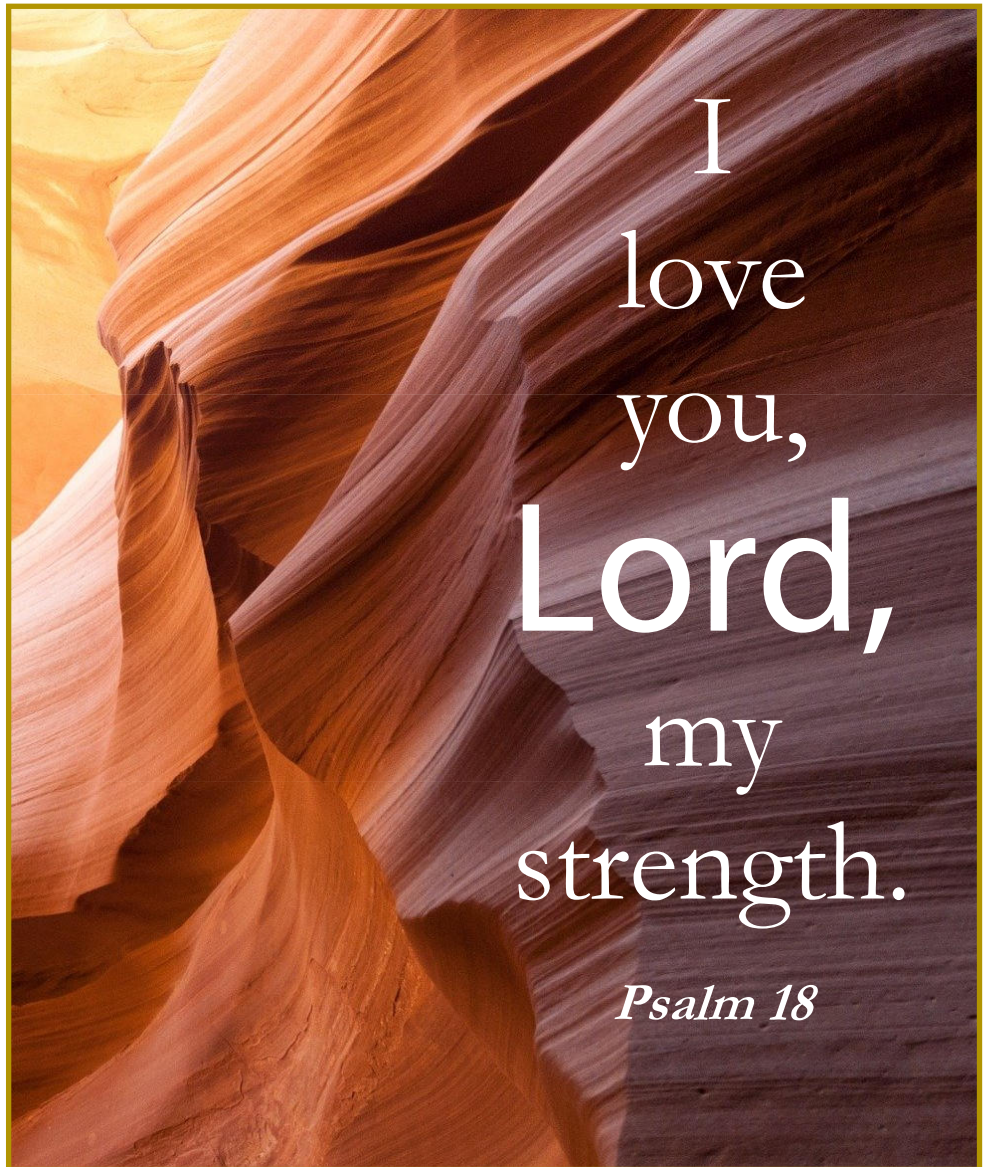
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Mass Attendance Counts in October. During the month of October, we are tracking the attendance at our weekend Masses. Here are our totals so far this October and the averages from 2018 and 2019:

2020	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:45 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Total
Oct. 3/4	79	62	55	196
Oct. 10/11	68	77	50	195
Oct. 17/18	75	41	53	169
Oct. 24/25				

October Averages	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:45 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Total
2018	191	175	208	574
2019	158	224	201	582

The Booya was a success! It took only 37 minutes for us to sell out the Booya last Sunday. The outdoor car line (COVID19 safe) stretched around the block down Flandrau Street, down Conway Street, onto White Bear Avenue and even onto Third Street. We are thankful that the event was accident-free, and we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation. Maybe we will use this drive-up method for Lenten Fish Fry take-out meals? Thanks to the Men's Club and everyone who helped with Booya this year. Awesome job!

This weekend's bulletin insert, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing", can be found online at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations. The article discusses the importance of making use of appropriate, effective medical care as responsible stewards of our lives and health. However, even effective treatments may at times impose such a great burden that we, in good conscience, may forgo or discontinue them. This applies even to life-sustaining treatments. Of course, nothing should be done or deliberately omitted to hasten death.

Send our parish veterans a Thank You for Veterans Day, November 11. Our Veterans Day Event this year will be virtual, and you can be a part of it. Take out your phones and record a short "Thank You" video to our Veterans that will be played during the event. Send your video via email to katee427@msn.com or by text message from your phone to 651.245.3638. Please send your video by the end of October to be included. More information can be found on our parish website at www.stpascals.org/veteran-s

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Election Day 2020
Tuesday, November 3

Election Prayer

Loving God, I ask you to guide me during this important election season:

Help me to understand the Gospels, in which Jesus Christ reveals his path of love, mercy and compassion, especially toward those who are poor, sick or struggling in any way.

Instruct me on what the church teaches on the important issues of our day: abortion, racism, migration, war and peace, health care, the death penalty, economic justice, care for the environment and on all those questions that I must ponder with your help.

Enable me to form my conscience so that I may vote wisely.

Loving God, I ask you to help me to live peacefully with others:

Allow me to be open to the opinions of others with whom I disagree.

Fill me with a spirit of charity toward those who may oppose me.

Give me patience in times of struggle.

Loving God, I ask you to help me stand with those who are marginalized or persecuted:

Increase my courage so that I can stand up in times of danger.

Create in me a new heart that I might be brave in times of turmoil.

Make me someone who is ready to care for, advocate for and suffer with those on the margins.

Loving God, I ask you to aid our civic leaders:

Grant them good health and a spirit of wisdom.

Open to them paths of reconciliation.

Teach them your ways of love, mercy and compassion.

Loving God, I ask you to bless our nation:

Crown it with your compassion.

Support it with your care.

And nurture it with your love.

Amen.

—James Martin S.J.

The Journey of Loss and Grief— Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary

Free webinar presentation Thursday, November 5, from 6:30-8:30 PM

When Jesus' friend Lazarus dies, the Gospel of John tells us that "Jesus wept" (Jn 11:35). We experience many losses in our lives and the death of someone we love is just one of them. We also lose relationships, roles, bodily functions, and communities. Grief is a normal response to loss, yet grief is chaotic and hard, so much so that we want to avoid it. But grief is the only way through loss. How can we better understand the journey of grief and how to take it in a faithful way? How does God call us to grieve and, finally, call us from our grief?

Registration is required by October 31; please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320.363.3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Michael Shanley

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends, and pray for his soul's eternal peace.

— ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD —

Healing and Hope Retreat

The theme of Year 2 in the Archdiocesan Synod is “The Church Prepares.” The Year 2 journey began this fall with a *Praying with Scripture* series, and now continues with a *Healing and Hope Series* beginning the week of October 18.

Healing and Hope Series

This five-part virtual retreat grounds each person’s fundamental identity as a beloved child of God. Yet each person has experienced wounds that bind. This retreat explores how to unbind these knots through the intercessions of Our Lady, Un-doer of Knots, and open these wounds to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Encountering Jesus’ love and mercy brings healing and hope. Sessions will premiere on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM October 20 through November 17, and will be available on the synod website and MyParish App thereafter.

Ways to Participate

Download MyParish App from your app store and search for “Archdiocesan Synod” where you can access the videos and resources for the fall series. Learn more at myparishapp.com

Go to <https://eva.us/archspm-fall2020> to sign up for the weekly emails during the fall series and receive links to the videos, prayer outline, and Prayer Companion

Go to the Archdiocesan website: <https://archspm.org/synod> to access the materials and links which will be posted weekly.

Session Titles, Talks and Speakers

- **Session 1:** “Our Fundamental Identity as a Child of God and the Body of Christ”
Presented by Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg and Nataleigh Waters-Lang
- **Session 2:** “Identifying our Personal Wounds: Places of Darkness; Openings for Resilience & Grace”
Presented by Sarah McCauley and Paul Ruff
- **Session 3:** “The Wounds of the Body of Christ and Our Bindings/Tourniquets: The Knots We Allow to be Tied”
Presented by Paula Kaempffer and Fr. Joseph Bambenek
- **Session 4:** “Turning Over Our Bindings to Mary, Undoer of Knots, and Opening Our Wounds to Jesus”
Presented by Viviana Sotro and Fr. Steven Hoffman
- **Session 5:** “A New Narrative in Jesus”
Presented by Dan Stokman and Fr. Joseph Bambenek

— FAITH FORMATION —

Pre-Baptism

Families wishing to have a child baptized at St. Pascal’s are asked to participate in a pre-baptism session. Our next session will be on Monday, November 16 at 6:30 pm. Pre-registration is required. To sign up contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**Pre-Synod Prayer
for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and
Minneapolis**

Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love.
AMEN.
Mary, Mother of the Church
Pray for us.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

**October Sainly Service at St. Pascal
Regional Catholic School**

This month, we’re excited to incorporate the example of St. Teresa of Calcutta—Be assertively friendly into the ways that we, as school staff, interact with students, parents, and each other—through Sainly Service: Wisdom for Growing Catholic Community.

This month, we look into the life and personality of St. Teresa of Calcutta. She is known for her unshakeable joy and assertive friendliness in her work serving the poor, hungry, and dying. As the founder of the Missionaries of Charity, her primary commitment was valuing each person she reached by doing “small things with great love.”

This month our staff has been assertively friendly—up and above their daily actions. They are helping each other to make their days go more smoothly in helping our students. Friendly gestures in sharing technology, helping to solve organizational needs, sharing ideas for social media, and encouragement to each other and families when someone needs an uplifting message.

We are blessed to work with the amazing staff at SPRCS!!

“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.”

—Mother Teresa

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585
Email church@stpascals.org
For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Holidays as announced

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Mary Weyandt, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair

**St. Pascal
Regional Catholic School**

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School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00-4:15 PM
or contact Fr. John in the parish office
Communal celebrations as announced

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are required. To register for classes or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

Parish Prayer Line

8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
Mary Butler-Levine

4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

Parish Communication

Bulletin Notices

Due 3:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Due 3:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, October 28

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, October 29

8:00 AM + Eleanore Arceno

Friday, October 30

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, October 31

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, November 01

All Saints Day

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Heart Questions

Love of Neighbor

"All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 18:14

Adults: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change in your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Kids: Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor?

Readings

October 25, 2020

Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26
Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51
1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40

Monday:

Eph 4:32—5:8
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Eph 5:21-33
Ps 128:1-5
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Eph 2:19-22
Ps 19:2-5
Lk 6:12-16

Thursday:

Eph 6:10-20
Ps 144:1b-2, 9-10
Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Phil 1:1-11
Ps 111:1-6
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

Phil 1:18b-26
Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

THE WEEK AHEAD

St. Pascal's is committed to help you to navigate through the upcoming weeks of COVID-19 safety measures. We have cutback programs and community gatherings in an effort to keep all in our community healthy and safe. Visit www.stpascals.org for more information and for the status of upcoming parish meetings and events.

Sunday, October 25—We Care Campaign

After Masses Boy Scout Popcorn Sales: Main Church Doors

Monday, October 26

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, October 27

6:30pm JustFaith-ZOOM

Wednesday, October 28

6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Session: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Faith Formation-At home session

Thursday, October 29

6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Meeting-ZOOM

Friday, October 30

No scheduled events

Saturday, October 31—Halloween

No scheduled events

Sunday, November 1—All Saints Day

Daylight Saving Time ends—*Remember to turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime on Saturday!*

Monday, November 2

6:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, November 3—Election Day

No scheduled events

Wednesday, November 4

6:30pm Faith Formation: At-home session

Thursday, November 5

6:30pm SJCC: ZOOM

7:00pm Men's Club Board meeting: Brioschi Hall

Friday, November 6

No scheduled events

Saturday, November 7—Remembrance Weekend

Remembrance of our beloved departed at all Masses

Sunday, November 8—Remembrance Weekend

Remembrance of our beloved departed at all Masses

12:00pm Confirmation II: Brioschi Hall

Mental Health Resources

Times like these can be difficult for adults, children and families—county resources are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for those struggling with the stressors of COVID-19. When you find yourself or a loved one in the midst of a crisis, call:

Adult Mental Health Crisis Line: 651.266.7900

Children's Mental Health Crisis Line: 651.266.7878

Food Shelf Now Open

Progressive Baptist Church Parking Lot—1505 Burns Avenue

If you, your family, or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf. Curbside drive-up every Saturday from 10:30 AM – noon. No residency or parish membership requirements.

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

September 2020

Sunday Giving	\$	82,780.27
Budget	\$	63,031.25
Surplus	\$	17,187.35

Year to Date

Sunday Giving	\$	168,334.27
Budget	\$	197,093.72
Deficit	\$	(28,759.45)

Mortgage Balance

(as of 10/7/2020)	\$	3,336,108.68
Principal Paid	\$	12,530.08
Interest Paid	\$	11,859.76
Total Payment	\$	24,389.84

Many thanks to all for helping us put a dent in the budget deficit. We are doing everything possible to watch expenses while maintaining our presence in the community; through worship, education, and outreach.

"Faith is not for overcoming obstacles; it is for experiencing them—all the way through!"

—Richard Rohr, *Radical Grace: Daily Meditations by Richard Rohr*



Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing

We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation. Although certainly not comprehensive, the following considerations are provided as starting points for understanding and preparing for this transition, whether it is imminent or not.

NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH¹

We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions. For example, through prayer and regular reception of the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, we obtain grace to live in ever-deeper communion with God and with one another in lives of faith, charity, and justice.² We ask for Our Blessed Mother's help now, and we entrust ourselves to her further as we "surrender 'the hour of our death' wholly to her care."³

FORMING OUR CONSCIENCES.....

Our journey with Christ naturally includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments and acting accordingly.⁴ Learning about the dignity of human life and the indispensable respect for it,⁵ as well as applicable principles for medical care, is particularly important in preparing for our eventual passing.

Some bishops offer guides applying moral principles to local legal options.⁶ Parish and online resources are also widely available for careful and prayerful study, and the *Ethical and Religious Directives* from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops give direction for health care services to those who are seriously ill or dying.⁷

A NOTE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES.....

No summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, but some general principles are clear. We are entrusted by God with the gift of life, and in response, we care for our lives and health in obedience and gratitude to our Creator.

This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. However, even effective treatments may at times impose such a great burden that we, in good conscience, may forgo or discontinue them. This applies even to life-sustaining treatments. Of course, nothing should be done or deliberately omitted to hasten death.⁸

The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. In principle, assisted feeding and hydration should be provided unless it cannot sustain life or is unduly burdensome to the patient, or if death is imminent whether it is provided or not.

Moreover, no one should choose suicide, nor counsel or assist another to take his or her own life.

DISCERNING TREATMENT OPTIONS.....

Judging the effect and burden of treatments can be difficult, especially as death draws near. To understand health facts and treatment options, we need professional medical advice. To understand Catholic moral teaching, we need to consult Church teaching and those who can faithfully explain it.

SPEAKING WITH LOVED ONES.....

After informing our consciences, we need to inform our families. If we are unable to make decisions, they most often have legal authority to make surrogate decisions on our behalf. Or we may designate a health care agent by a durable power of attorney.

Though it is often helpful to also have written, signed documentation, no living will "check box" can ever replace clear conversations about our faith-guided principles. The best option is to choose an agent who will make medical decisions on our behalf in accord with our Catholic faith and Church teaching.

We should also inform family of our pastoral care preferences, and make clear that after death, we desire prayer, funeral rites, and Christian burial.⁹

ACCOMPANIMENT BEFORE AND AFTER DEATH¹⁰

Those who are sick should not be alone, as multiple popes have reminded us in messages for the annual World Day of the Sick. Patients who have serious or life-threatening illnesses, as well as their families, can be provided with physical, psychological, and spiritual care through team-based palliative care.¹¹ Hospice care can provide similar integrated care for those nearing death and for their families.

Pastoral care is integral to both palliative and hospice care, and includes making available the Eucharist, Confession, Anointing of the Sick, and Viaticum.¹² It also includes supportive

prayer¹³ and support for decision makers. It may be helpful to familiarize ourselves with local services available in preparation for our own passing or that of loved ones.

Even after death, accompaniment continues. Our prayers can help those who are being purified in Purgatory, so it is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for those who have died.¹⁴

HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION.....

Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.

We need not fear. Christ is with us.

1 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2nd ed., 2012 ff.

2 See Pope Francis, General Audience, 27 November 2013 (Libreria Editrice Vaticana), https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2013/documents/papa-francesco_20131127_udienza-generale.html.

3 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2677.

4 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1776 ff. *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006), pg. 314.

5 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1701 ff., 2258 ff.

6 Many state conferences of Catholic Bishops have published materials which may help you with decisions about advance directives. To find these and other resources, contact your local diocesan Respect Life office. A directory is available at www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/diocesan-pro-life-offices.cfm.

7 *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, 5th ed, (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009), <http://www.usccb.org/about/doctrine/ethical-and-religious-directives/>. (See especially Part 5.)

8 See Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 15.

9 A summary is found here: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/overview-of-catholic-funeral-rites.cfm>.

10 Pope Francis uses the term "accompaniment" often; see its many occurrences in *Evangelii gaudium*.

11 Pope Francis, "Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to Participants in the Plenary of the Pontifical Academy for Life" (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015), https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/march/documents/papa-francesco_20150305_pontificia-accademia-vita.html.

12 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1499–1532. See also Pope Benedict XVI, "Message of the Holy Father on the Occasion of the Twentieth World Day of the Sick" (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2012), https://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/messages/sick/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20111120_world-day-of-the-sick-2012.html.




13 See for example these prayers at the time of dying and death <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/prayers-for-death-and-dying.cfm>.

14 Pope Francis, General Audience, 30 November 2016, (Libreria Editrice Vaticana), https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20161130_udienza-generale.html

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