

## Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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## Greenville South Carolina

#### from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Saturday, 25 January, is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Church's annual celebration of the day when Saul of Tarsus met the Lord Jesus on the Damascus Road — an event that changed Saul's life and the history of the world. 25 January is also each year the final day in a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an observance that begins on 18 January — in the old liturgical calendar the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. So, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was devised to run between the twin feasts of the symbol of Peter's authority to teach and Paul's conversion to Christ, and this placement in the liturgical calendar shows us how Christian unity is to be found: through continuing conversion to the truth of the Gospel proclaimed authentically and authoritatively by the apostolic office of the Church.

In praying for Christian unity, we are asking God to restore full ecclesial communion to our separated brethren (both Orthodox and Protestant) in the one, true Church. But the restoration of that unity will be a world-historical event brought about only by the action of the Holy Spirit, and there is little that any of us can do to contribute directly to that lofty goal. There is, however, another dimension of Christian unity to which we can contribute personally, and it is both utterly simple and extremely difficult: We can each live in full communion with the Lord Jesus and his holy Church and do our best to show others how to do the same. This we do by radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

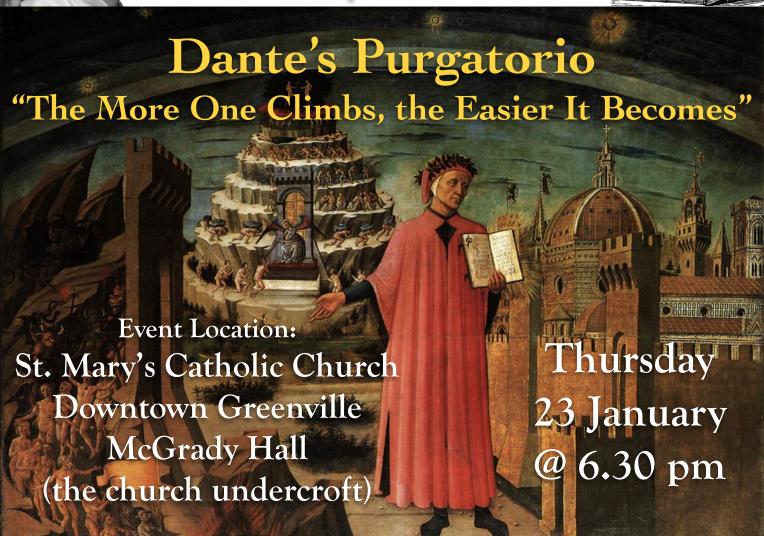
- ♣ Do I believe and profess everything the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God? Do I believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired by God and contain no errors in matters of faith and morals? Do I believe that the Catechism of the Catholic Church is an authentic compendium of the saving doctrine of the Lord Jesus and a faithful statement of Catholic teaching in full keeping with Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition? Do I surrender my intellect and will in the obedience of faith to the Gospel transmitted in and by the Catholic Church?
- ♣ Do I live according to the saving truth of the Gospel? Do I attend Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation? Do I confess my sins regularly in the Sacrament of Penance? Do I bear witness to Christ by my manner of life and my behavior, both personal and professional? Am I married in the Catholic Church, or if not, do I refrain from receiving the sacraments? Do I make decisions, especially difficult decisions, according to the mind of Christ or simply according to my own wisdom? Do I live according to the Ten Commandments and Christ's Law of Love?

Believing and behaving lead to belonging. If I want to belong to Christ and his Church fully and faithfully, then I must believe the truth of God's Word and behave according to the truth of the Gospel by grace through faith. In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let us be guided by Peter's faith and Paul's conversion to be committed Catholics and true witnesses to Christ.



# The St. Mary's Program of Catholic Studies presents





~ WITH ~

## Kenneth Covington

Kenneth Covington has taught high school English at St. Joseph's Catholic School for the last ten years. He is a native Texan with a B.A. in Drama and a Masters of Humanities from the University of Dallas. While at U.D. he had the fortune to study under members of the Royal Shakespeare company and William Gaskill, the founding director of the Royal National Shakespeare Company. Kenneth and his wife Claudine have been married since 1991, and have 8 children (just look for one of the red-headed children at Mass), ten goats, three cats, one bearded dragon, and sixty or so chickens.





# praying the Liturgy of the hours

#### **MORNING PRAYER**

EACH SUNDAY 10.15 AM McGrady Hall

#### **VESPERS**

SUNDAYS OF LENT 5 PM

9 March 2014

16 March 2014

23 MARCH 2014

30 March 2014

6 APRIL 2014

13 APRIL 2014

#### ALSO PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Online at www.divineoffice.org With iOS and Android at iBreviary

## Calendar of Events

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

#### Sunday, 19 January 2014

7.30 am ♣ Lorette Vorlick ♣ Cecilia Arroyave 9.00 am 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

#### Sunday, 19 January 2014

No 3 & 4 Year Olds Class today

K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (Macalka)

Nursery during 9.00 & 11.00 am Masses

**Meetings & Events \*** 

9.00 am Scripture Study 10.10 am Morning Prayer (McGrady) Women of Grace 6.00 pm 6.30 pm High School Youth Group (McGrady)

#### Monday, 20 January 2014

7.00 am ♣ Delmer F. Quackenbush, Jr.

#### Monday, 20 January 2014

6.30 pm **Boy Scout Meeting** 

(McGrady)

#### Tuesday, 21 January 2014

7.00 am ♣ Romaine Schambre

No 12.00 noon Mass

#### Tuesday, 21 January 2014

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

#### Wednesday, 22 January 2014

7.00 am Maureen Lesley

No 12.00 noon Mass

#### Wednesday, 22 January 2014

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education 6.30-7.30 pm RCIA (McGrady)

#### Thursday, 23 January 2014

♣ Jean Conroy 7.00 am

No 12.00 noon Mass

#### Thursday, 23 January 2014

3.00 pm Cenacles/Rosary 4.00 pm Prayer Meeting 6.30 pm Program of Catholic

Studies (McGrady)

#### Friday, 24 January 2014

7.00 am Mary Seale

Morning Prayer (church) 6.15 am 6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ 10.00 am Scripture Study Class 3.10-4.45 pm Youth Choir Practice

#### Saturday, 25 January 2014

5.00 pm

♣ Deceased Members / Norungolo Family

#### Saturday, 25 January 2014

Friday, 24 January 2014

Rosary at Grove Road 8.00-9.00 am

abortion clinic

Confessions (church) 3.30-4.30 pm

#### **Financial Report**

Weekend of 11/12 Jan.

Needed 31,500 Received 31,297 Deficit 203

Poor Box 459

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 882,000 Received 906,825 Surplus 24,825

Electronic Giving: To sign up or to receive more information, please contact Pat Perkins in the church office at 864.679.4109 or pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

St. Mary's Accepts Credit Cards: To make your gift for the Regular Offertory Collection and Fund Drive for the Future using MasterCard, Visa or American Express, please call Pat Perkins at 864.679.4109 for the authorization form.



#### **Facebook**

'Like' us on Facebook at St. Mary's Catholic Church Greenville SC.



<sup>\*</sup> All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed.



JOIN FELLOW PARISHIONERS FOR A FUN EVENING OF CELEBRATING AT ST. MARY'S MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE GALA, FEATURING: A TRIBUTE TO THE PAST!

Saturday, 1 March 2014

6:30 PM-10:30 PM

St. Mary's Church, Gallivan Hall

\$30 PER PERSON ~TICKET INCLUDES:

Seated meal - Gumbo, Green Salad, Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Baked Red Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, and King Cake with Multi-Colored Sherbet

Two alcoholic beverage vouchers - cash bar thereafter: wine \$5.00 per glass, beer \$3.00 per bottle

Entertainment by the "Scotch and Soda with a Twist Band" Parade of past Rexes and Reginas (Kings and Queens)

and tons of fun, Fun, FUN!! Costume Ball Attire



#### **CLIP & RETURN COUPON**

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE GALA!

Ticket deadline; Saturday, 22 February 2014

Please Print Clearly!

Name:

Phone:

Number of Tickets @ \$30.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Check: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to St. Mary's Women's Club

Mail coupon and check to SMWC, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

Questions? Contact Shelby Gaschler at 864-246-5616 or

shelby@masterscarstereo.com

**RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED BY E-MAIL** 





### Parish News

#### **Prayer Requests**

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized, and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Alan Howard, Alice Howard, Gordon Gibbs, Mike McGrady, Ronald Labbe, Stephen Urban, Bobby Kocisko, Cassandra Gomes, Andrew Brett, Paulina Cruz and Patricia Ridgeway.

## Choral Concert Sunday 16 February at 4 pm

The St. Mary's Full Choir and Schola Cantorum present Music in the Castle of Heaven, a sacred choral music concert and hymn sing. The hour-long concert feature primarily large choruses from major works. There also will be an opportunity for the congregation to join in on singing two hymns, "God of Grace and God of Glory," (a great Welsh hymn) and "Abide with Me."

Music of Bach, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Haydn, and compositions by our organist, Robert Lee and the choirmaster will be heard.

#### Women of Grace Bible Study

New members are invited to join this Scripture study that meets on the first and third Sunday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

For information, please email Dorothy Whalen at: Littledotw@aol.com or Wiletta Pennington at wbpennington8284@yahoo.com.

#### Thank You

Fr. Newman, Fr. Chalmers, Fr. Cruz, Fr. Leon, Fr. Cassabon and the office staff would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity to them this holiday season and throughout the past year.

#### Office Closed

**Monday 20 January:** The church office and the school will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

#### 2013 Tax Statements

Please call Vickie Acosta in the church office at 679.4100 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2013. Please allow us several days to process and mail your statement. Thank you.

#### Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family:

#### Pray the Rosary

Rosary of the Unborn (rain or shine) at the abortion facility at 1142 Grove Road from 8 - 9 am every Saturday morning.

#### Organ Recital

Adam Pajan, former organist of St. Mary's, is giving a recital on Thursday 23 January 2014 at the Daniel Memorial Chapel on the campus of Furman University at 8.00 pm. Tickets cost \$12 for adults / \$10 for Seniors 60+ / \$5 for Students (includes non-FU college students).



#### Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mildred O'Connor Padgett (mother of Ken Padgett) and Elizabeth Upshaw Tuten (mother of Anne L. Wilmeth) who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends.

#### Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

#### From the Diocese

## "An Evening in the Upstate With the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston"

On December 25, 2013, the Christmas television special, "An Evening in the Update with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston," aired on Fox 21.

We invite you to view this special presentation online at http://youtu.be/JTTjujbqGEQ.



Saturday 1 March 2014 St. Joseph's Catholic Church Columbia South Carolina

The South Carolina Knights of Columbus with the support of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston are working together to present the first annual South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference "Building Men of Faith".

Register at www.registration.sccatholicmensconf.org.

#### **Men's Discernment Retreat**

February 14-16

White Oak Conference Center 633 Mobley Hwy, Winnsboro, SC 29180

Interested in learning more about Christian discipleship, discernment, and the priesthood? Register now!

Visit www.CharlestonVocations.com to sign up, or contact the Office of Vocations for more information at 1-800-660-4102.

For men ages 18-49 | Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Charleston

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Charleston is hosting a discernment retreat for men (Ages 18-49) on 14-16 February at White Oak Conference Center.

If you're interested in learning more about Christian discipleship, discernment, and the priesthood, please consider this retreat.

Registration is now open! For information and to sign up online, visit www.CharlestonVocations.com, or contact the Office of Vocations at 1.800.660.4102.

#### Marriage Anniversary Celebration All Catholic Married Couples Invited

The Diocese of Charleston's 14th Annual Marriage Anniversary Mass is Sunday 16 February at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Bluffton, SC at 3.00 pm. (fulfills Sunday obligation)

To register, please send the 1) name of your parish 2) the first and last name of the husband and wife and 3) the number of years married in 2014 to FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org. You can also mail the information to: Family Life Office, Diocese of Charleston, 2879 Hwy 160 West #4336, Fort Mill SC 29708. For more information please call the Family Life Office at 803.547.5063 or 803.548.7343.

Please register by Monday 10 February for planning purposes.

#### **Diocesan Medical Missions**

Join us for an evening of music and mingling, dinner and learning more about the Diocese of Charleston's Guatemalan community.

Saturday 8 February at 7.30 pm Grace Hall of Christ Our King Church 1122 Russell Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC Cocktail Attire

To Purchase Tickets contact Jennifer Elkins at 843.531.5542 or by email at jelkins@catholic.doc.org. Or visit online at www.sccatholic.org/guatemalangala

Tickets are \$125 per person (includes dinner and two drinks). Chance to win a Mission Trip for Two Raffle at the event! Guatemalan Silent Auction Items and much more!

#### St. Anthony's Catholic Store

The Rev. Jeffrey F. Kirby, STL, Vicar of Vocations, will be at St. Anthony's Catholic Store Monday 3 February, the feast day of St. Blaise, blessing throats, answering questions on vocations, and signing his books.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come and see what it means to answer the call.

For more information please call 864.288.0335.





# YOUR PRAYERS MATTER. YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



#### Who:

You and thousands of other Catholics across the country!

#### What:

Nine Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy).

During this time, all are invited to participate by taking part in local events and by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the 9 days.

#### When:

Sign up now & participate January 18-26. (If you're getting started after January 18, it's okay!)

#### How:

Visit 9daysforlife.com to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages (or text 9DAYS to 99000). Printable versions of each day's content are also available on the website.



## Religious Education News

## Family Honor Program "Changes & Challenges"

St. Mary's will host Changes & Challenges for Parents and their 6th grade preteens. Changes & Challenges will focus on the truth and goodness of human sexuality and the virtue of chastity. This two-week program on 26 March 2014 (parents only) and 2 April 2014 (parents and preteens) from 6.30-8.45 pm. For more information, contact the RE Office at 679.4110 or joann.miller@stmarysgvl.org. Register online with Family Honor. Deadline to register is 12 February 2014.

#### Vacation Bible School 2014

Mark your calendars! VBS 2014, Cool Kingdom Party "Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus" will be the week of 16-20 June from 9 am to noon. St. Mary's parishioners, entering K5-5th grade, are welcome to attend this fun filled week of faith based learning!

A nursery for younger children (rising K4 and younger) will be provided for children of volunteers only. Leaders needed. Registration and volunteer information will be coming soon. Hope you can join us.

#### Family Honor 25th Anniversary Banquet Saturday 15 February 7.00 pm St. Mary's Catholic Church

For 25 years, Family Honor has been bringing parents and their children together to help them communicate more easily about some of the most important topics in life: chastity, family, love, and God's gift of sexuality. To celebrate our 25th anniversary, we are holding a banquet.

You'll enjoy personal testimonies, exciting plans for the future, delicious food, a few surprises, plus special guest, Catholic singer and comedian Nick Alexander. There is no registration fee but this is a fundraiser, so donations will be requested during the banquet to support Family Honor's important work. Family-friendly event; parents may bring any child age 13 and older. To register, go to www.FamilyHonor.org/2014Banquet. Questions? Call Family Honor at 803.929.0858.

#### High School Youth Group

Sunday 19 January: Join us for our regularly scheduled meeting from 6:00-8:00 pm in McGrady Hall. This will be our first meeting of the New Year! Come for Dinner, and hear the fantastic story of one of our YG Volunteers, from a Hindu home in India to saving faith in the Catholic Church. We will close out the meeting with a time of Praise and Worship.

A big part of our weekly meeting is the meal. We ask each youth to provide a Main Course, Side or Dessert every 6 months. We will have meal sign up at the Sunday 19 January meeting.

Sunday 19 January: Come here more about our plan to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference at White Oak Conference Center on 7-9 March. The theme for this year's conference is "Seek the Lord!" It is based on the scripture 1 Chronicles 16.11 "Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face always."

It is easy to get distracted from what is important in life. Many times we say to ourselves if only I had this, or I looked like that, I would have everything I need. Only to find out once we accumulate material things in our lives that we are still not happy, or we just want more to try to fill us up. Being with the right group, or having the newest and best are not going to fill you and keep you satisfied. The only thing that will last and will satisfy you is Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us time and time again, if we seek Him, we will find him! So stop chasing things that are not going to last... come find out what does last... come find out what will fill you up and give you a distinct purpose in your life! Come find out what will never let you down and never give up on you... come experience Jesus Christ in a way that you never have before!

We will have information packets and the required forms at the January 19th Meeting. Newcomers are always welcome!

#### Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes for grades 1-8 meet on Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class 19 January 2014.



#### Culture of Life

"Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being." - Catechism of the Catholic Church on Abortion.

We invite anyone who is interested in the pro-life movement to attend our Culture of Life meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of every month in Sacred Heart Hall at 6 pm in the large conference room, 2nd floor. Our next meeting will be this coming Tuesday 21 January. Please come.

For more information, please contact Chuck Gaschler at 864.246.5616.

#### Spiritual Adoption Program



We are now in the 5th month of pregnancy.

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it — the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have

helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

Please continue to pray for your spiritually adopted baby with the following prayer:

"Jesus, Mary & Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

#### Lay Carmelite Community

Come and see...

Interested in deepening your faith and prayer life? Drawn to the Carmelite saints and spirituality? The Lay Carmelite Community of Greenville invites you to come to their next meeting on Saturday 1 February following the 9 am Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8 Gillin Drive, Simpsonville.

For information, contact Carolyn 864.320.7889 or Jan 864.287.5495.

#### Perpetual Adoration

Prince of Peace Parish in Taylors, SC wishes to extend a warm invitation to all area parishioners to become members of our perpetual adoration Guild of St. Thomas Aquinas. Please contact Tom O'Donnell (POP parishioner and Guild coordinator) at 864.610.0588 if you would like to take one of these hours.

Hours in need of an adorer

Monday 2pm Tuesday 1 am Saturday 2 am & 3 am rotations Saturday 7 am Sunday 7pm

#### Free Adult Computer Class

St. Joseph's Catholic School will offer a free Adult Computer Class on campus on Saturday 1 February 2014 from 10.00 am to 12 noon. The seminar will help teach adults and senior citizens the basic use of the Internet and computer programs. Space is limited to 20 participants. Contact SJCS staff member Melissa Broering at 864.234.9009, extension 120, to register.



All young adults (18-39) are welcomed & encouraged to join our ministry whose mission is to help young adults answer the universal call to holiness.

Thursdays: Adoration at 7.00 pm at Prince of Peace

Mondays: Bible Study class returned 6 January with the book of Acts. See attached schedule.

#### Learn about our upcoming events:

Check www.lvgreenville.com Email lvgreenville@gmail.com Call 864.266.8843



### SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

www.stmarysgvl.org/theschool







#### St. Mary's School Testing

The first testing date for the 2014-15 school year will be held Saturday 25 January at St. Mary's School. The deadline to register is Friday 17 January.

The second testing date will be held Wednesday 12 February at St. Mary's School. The deadline to register is Wednesday 5 February.

Please contact Nelle Palms for more information at nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4117.

## Dominican Nugget from the Sisters

A few years ago a beautiful documentary film was made about the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia of Nashville, Tennessee. Earlier this year our faculty enjoyed a viewing of this 1-hour film. We now have 4 copies available to loan from the school office: staff, parents, or parishioners are welcome to borrow a copy of this uplifting film and learn more about the Sisters! Consider asking your daughters if they would like



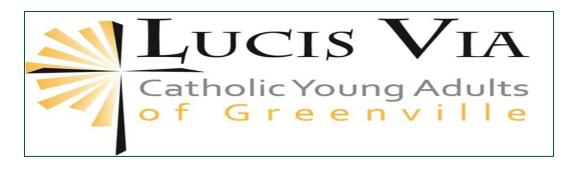
to watch it with you at home, or have some friends over for a group viewing. Contact the office to reserve your copy today!

#### St. Mary's Ducks Basketball

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Join us in the St Francis Eastside Hospital 125 Commonwealth Drive Greenville, SC 29615. We meet in Room 201 except on the 2nd Monday of the month when we'll meet in the Chapel. Class starts at 7:00 pm

## Winter 2014 Lucis Via Bible Study

#### The Book of Acts

Date	Subject	Chapters & Verses
January 6	Ascension Through Pentecost	1 & 2
January 13 (Chapel)	Peter & John	3 - 5
January 20 (MLK memorial)	Election of Deacons & Stephen	6, 7, & 8:1
January 27	Philip	8
February 3	Saul	9:1-31
February 10 (Chapel)	Peter's Miracles & Vision	9:32 - 10:49
February 17	Bringing Faith To the Gentiles & The Council of Jerusalem	11:1-18 & 15:1-35
February 24	Gentile Conversions & Further Persecutions	11:19 - 12:24
March 3 (Ash Wednesday is on the 5th)	Lectio with Ash Wednesday readings	Mt 6:1-6,16-18
March 10 (Chapel)	Paul's 1st Missionary Journey	12:25, 13 & 14
March 17	Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey	15:35 - 18:22
March 24	Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey	18:23 - 21:15
March 31	Paul's Arrest & Imprisonment	21:16 - 26:32
April 7 (Palm Sunday is next week)	Paul's Journey to Rome & His Ministry in Rome	27 & 28

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