

SAINTS SCENE



Situated just half a mile apart from each other in North Park, St. Augustine High School and St. Patrick School, both operated by the Order of St. Augustine in the Province of St. Augustine, in California, have finalized details for a new initiative to promote Catholic education in San Diego and strengthen their Augustinian relationship. The Augustinian Promise is a guaranteed admissions program for 8th grade boys graduating from St. Patrick School to St. Augustine High School if they meet certain criteria.

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Love for Wisdom and Passion for the Truth

Dear Parents and Friends.



Principal James Horne

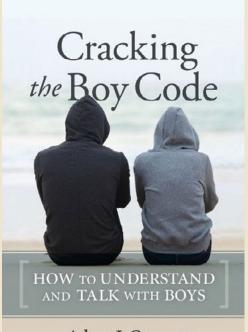
In an age of information overload St. Augustine High School must be especially attentive in its instruction to strike the delicate balance between human experience and understanding. What we want to avoid is having classes of Saintsmen say, "We had the experience but missed the meaning."

Our mission at Saints is to do far more than convey information to passive students. Our faculty is committed daily to the cultivation of a passion for truth in the students they serve. We aspire to teach love for

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To the Universe and Beyond!

For the past decade, each January, Saintsmen participate in a four week Intersession experience. Freshmen are required to take speech, and most Seniors participate in a variety of internships throughout Greater San Diego. Sophomores and Juniors have a selection of courses to choose from including digital production, cycling, sports business, engineering, sailing, aquatic sports, and world travel service trips. Next month in Saints Scene highlights of Intersession 2020 will be spotlighted.



Adam J. Cox, PhD

Cracking the Boy Code

Thoughts on how to best prepare boys into men through education

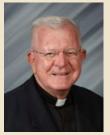
By Edwin Hearn, President St. Augustine High School, San Diego, California

At this year's International Boys'
School Coalition conference in Montreal,
Dr. Adam Cox, Ph.D, a clinical psychologist,
author, speaker and educational consultant
led off the conference with his presentation,
Cracking the Boy Code. In his keynote, he
explored a boy's journey during his middle
and secondary school education. He spoke
about the nature of boys; "What they fear,"
"What is central to their mission," and
"What we should be encouraging in
their education?"

AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

Love of Prayer for the New Year and Always

By Fr. Bob Gavotto, O.S.A., ('55)



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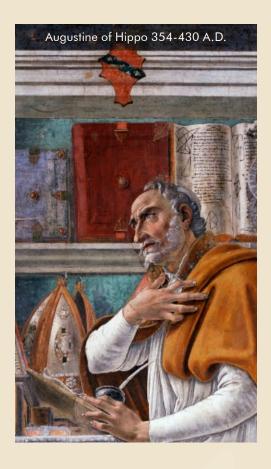
As 2020 arrives, this calendar event serves us well to remember prayer plays an important role in any person's spirituality. It certainly did in the life of Augustine; in fact, his very important work, *The Confessions*, is all a prayer to God. So, we can ask Augustine: What did prayer mean for you?

Augustine: Once I had come to know my God through faith, prayer became a natural response for me, a longing or yearning, a deep desire within me to be united with the One who alone can satisfy our restlessness and give us that happiness which our very nature seeks. As I put it in my Confessions: "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until it rests in you." [Conf. 1, 1]

When we read the Word of God, God speaks to us, but when we pray, we speak to God. However, there is no way we can pray and hope to get through to God unless the heart is deeply united with our thoughts and words Sometimes I pray with words, other times in silence, but no matter how our prayer is carried out the only way to reach God is to cry out with love, from the heart. It doesn't do any good to make a lot of noise with our prayer, unless it is all coming from the heart. The ear of God is attentive to the human heart, not to a lot of words.

I once counseled a Roman lady by the name of Proba that lengthy talk is not what is required in prayer, but rather a prayerful disposition. If we spend a lot to time in prayer – which is not a bad thing – we find ourselves knocking with a persistent and holy fervor at the heart of the One whose help we need. Sometimes we get discouraged because it seems God does not answer our prayers.

My advice is this: "Your Father will give you only what he knows is advantageous for you. You are well aware of what you want, but God knows what is good for you." [Sermon 80, 2]



2020 Augustinian Achievement Award Ceremony

Saturday, January 25, 2020

5:00 pm – Cocktail Hour in the DanVera Lobby of St. Augustine Commons 6:00 pm – Dinner in Fr. John Sanders, O.S.A. Gymnasium • 7:00 pm – Presentation of Awards

2020 Award Recipients:



Mr. William "Coach" Whittaker 1946



Mr. Francis "Ned" Wils



Mr. David Cane 1963



Mr. Jerome Navarra

Steering Committee: Mr. Mark Johnson, '83 (Chair), Mr. Aram Hodoyan, '84, Mr. Dan Morrin, '77, Rev. Brother Dick Hardick, O.S.A., '57, Mrs. Laura Walsh, (Former APA President and Current Parent), Mr. Mike Kennedy, '75, Mr. Rob Leach, '80, Mr. Tom Cudal, '72

This will be an Evening/Business Attire Event.

Tickets: \$75 per person • Tables: \$750 (table of 10)

To register visit sahs.org and click on the link at the bottom of the page

or contact Casey Callery - ccallery@sahs.org (619) 764 - 5541

Sign Up Time for New Semester Courses Nears

Happy New Year. As we turn the calendar, it is time to begin the process of requesting courses for the 2020-2021 school year. All the information regarding this process, as well as the 2020-21 Curriculum Guide and course selection presentation, is now available on the front and academic pages of the St. Augustine website (www.sahs.org). Please utilize these materials to assist you and your son in completing the course request forms.

These forms will be distributed to the current freshmen in their Speech courses and the current sophomores and juniors can pick them up from Mrs. Oliwa in the Registrar's office.

The forms can also be found on the front and academic pages of the St. Augustine website (www.sahs.org).

On their designated day, each student will meet with a member of the counseling staff to review their academic transcript and input their requests for next school year.

In order to request courses, students must have (on their person at the time of their meeting with a counselor) a completed course request form that is signed by a parent or guardian as well as a completed and signed Advanced Placement contract if applicable.

SEMESTER NEXOLUTIONS Students will request their courses according to the following schedule:

Current freshmen (Class of 2023) – Thursday and Friday, January 30 and January 31, during their Speech course.

Current juniors (Class of 2021) – Wednesday and Thursday, February 5 and 6, during their religion course.

Current sophomores (Class of 2022) – Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13, during their religion course.

If you have any questions concerning course selection, please feel free to contact your counselor.

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 11th Grade Fimbres – Mooney

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10th Grade Adjei – Gamboa11th Grade Aguilar – Farrell

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10th Grade Patterson – Zakar 11th Grade Morales – Zamora

The Augustinian Achievement Awards SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020 Giving Our Best to Our Best!



Border Days:

A look at all sides of the political and human side of the immigration issue.

Border Days is a social Justice day of learning developed about 5 years ago that brings one of our largest regional issues front and center for Saintsmen. These days provide students the opportunity to expand upon what they are learning regarding immigration and border security in their Social Issues course. The day begins with a presentation by Border Angels, a migrant advocacy group and continues with a visit to a local home depot so that students can converse with day laborers and provide them with a brown bag lunch. Afterwards, the group visits Border Patrol's San Diego sector headquarters where agents discuss their experiences and take us on a guided tour between the primary and secondary fencing that concludes at Friendship park. The day allows our students to hear from people on all sides of a complex social issue.





Saintsmen visiting a portion of the newly constructed border wall.



Nick Silvester, Daniel Gutierrez Escalante, Andres Aceves, Nick Burner, Matt Jedlicka, Mr. Andy Pruter, Jacob Fuson, Enrique Oquendo, and Josh Russel participated in a Border Days field trip in October.



Saints Grandparents

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE OUR GUESTS!

30[™] Annual
St. Augustine High School
Grandparents' Day Celebration
March 13, 2020
at 10:45am



Holiday
Exhibition
of Student Art



Senior Michael Ambagtsheer strolls through the Art Show exhibition hall enjoying the work of fellow students.



An acrylic painting by Senior Chris Lloyd.



Senior Michael Colucci mid-century home in pen and patterned paper.



Luke Scheper ('21) acrylic painting.



Samuel Wilhelm ('20) drawing in colored pencil.

Cracking the Boy Code

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Keynote speaker Adam Cox

From his research,
Dr. Cox noted that boys
wonder whether they are
a worthy son and how
one lives an honorable
life. He noted that
many boys talk about
making a contribution
to the betterment of the
world and their desire to

experiment with social justice and how they might influence another's life. He took us back to our own lofty ideals in our childhood and how our play would pit the good warrior slaying the evil dragon.

A strong component of Dr. Cox's address rested on a boy's keen desire to be considered honest, trustworthy, relevant and emotionally generous, yet many boys are disaffected, bored, powerless with feelings of rejection. We know boys drop out of school and life at a higher rate than young women and retreat from engagement into a malaise of doubtful self-worth.

Although the documentation regarding boys' mental health and their lack of well-being appears to be the norm for many boys, Saints has had a very different experience with young men through the 97 years of its existence. On campus any day of the year, visitors are surprised to see boys greeting them and asking whether they need help finding their destination with a direct look and a smile on their faces.

At Saints, we find happy, engaged young men virtually everywhere on campus. Talking to seniors, during exit interviews, just prior to the graduation for the class of 2019, well over 95% of the young men rated their experience at Saints as very favorable and cite examples of how they engage in school activities during the four years of their Saints Experience. They consistently identify feelings of excellent preparation for college and for life as they move on to higher education.

How does Saints achieve these results, which so many other schools feel are so hard to achieve? How does an all-boys Catholic high school overcome the obstacles in preparing boys for a successful life?

Through generations of Saintsmen, the school has learned how to optimally educate young men. Much of what has been learned through experience has been confirmed through research conducted during the past decade that has identified best practices for building motivated young men.

From the moment freshmen step on campus, they are connected to one another

through their activities and the magic of the first semester of freshman year. With the administration working closely with the associated student body, an intentional program to integrate new students into Saints begins for many of the freshmen during the summer prior to their freshman year. During their summer school classes, they begin to make friends that carries-over when school begins in earnest in the fall. Once in fall classes, freshmen are kept busy with Freshmen Welcome Week, Freshmen Retreat Weekend, Student Weekly Mass, Intramurals, dance lessons, football, Big Brothers, clubs, cross country, freshman tailgate (mixer with OLP), movie night, watch parties, fifth quarter dance (after a basketball game), ASB class officers, freshmen ambassador Program, and speech class taken during intersession.

Through this interaction, boys make friends and are taught by their Big Brothers that every boy at Saints is everyone's brother. They are engaged by their peers, Big Brothers and teachers. Freshmen realize early in their education that all people are to be respected and made to feel part of the group.

These are but a few of the many traditions that have been handed down through four generations of Saintsmen. The school, from its inception, has been based on strong relationships between the students and the faculty. The end result is a friendbased community where boys gain a sense of self-worth through their engagement with their friends. They come to understand each person in the community has value and is to be loved. They have been taught proper social mores and how to develop friendships. They are connected, which allows them to develop self-confidence with others and learn the importance of social connection and the proper decorum in living in a diverse and civilized society.

Dr. Cox, in his keynote address identified the highest ideals young boys aspire to achieve and their innate curiosity to explore the world and find their voice to lead. While boys will be discouraged from time to time — when they fail to make the team or achieve a grade, they have teachers and coaches around them that care about them and help pick them up to try another pursuit. This process is at the core of our faith and is intentionally discussed at faculty meetings.

It is of utmost importance for our teachers to teach in the larger sense. At Saints to teach one's subject at a high level of discourse that deepens the intellectual development of young men is the minimum expectation. Teachers in the 1500-year tradition of St. Augustine are required to know their students and aid their learning in all areas of their development through the lens of a student's individual gifts.

It was a thoughtful and challenging opening of this year's conference. It caused me to think about the balance between self-restraint and self-expression in a boy's education. How we address a boy's higher calling—his aspirations? How we empower our boys to explore their higher purpose. These questions will continue to guide St. Augustine forward to continue to make progress in teaching the young men we serve.

To impact a student's life to achieve beyond his expectations, to help a boy to contemplate his relationship with the person of Jesus' and his teachings, to give a boy a sense of belonging, and to give a boy ample opportunity for social engagement helps build the structure of a successful life with balance and a sincere desire to look for opportunities to help others. Going forward, down Saints chosen path has been confirmed by Dr. Cox's research and experience as the key to a boys' good development into manhood.



Edwin Hearn, President of St. Augustine High in San Diego attended the International Boys' School Coalition conference recently held in Montreal with among many others Principal Jonathan Byrne of St. Augustine College, Sydney, Australia. Despite being called a college, the New South Wales all-boys school is a high school.



INSIGHT & DISCOVERY



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ENTRANCE EXAM

Sat, Jan. 25th, 2020 • 8:30am Apply today at **sahs.org**



Augustinian Promise

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To be eligible for the Augustinian Promise a student must have:

- Attended St. Patrick School for at least 5 years (starting in 4th grade)
- Maintained a 2.5 GPA and have no failing grades in junior high years (6th-8th)
- Exemplary Christian Conduct
- Participated in a Christian Service Project

Additionally, all students admitted to Saints under the Augustinian Promise must sit for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at Saints. This program will start with the 2020-21 school year.

Jim Horne, principal of St. Augustine High School, initiated this program in cooperation with Hernán Valdivia, principal of St. Patrick School and graduate of Saints class of '93, in order to promote enrollment and advance the Augustinian mission. "Both schools share

the same mission, this program represents our commitment not only to Catholic education in North Park, but to the advancement of our Augustinian charisms of unity, truth, and love that are at the heart of both communities," said Horne.

In addition to the Augustinian Promise, the effort to strengthen the relationship between Saints and St. Pat's also includes collaboration in the areas of curriculum development, shared use of facilities, and joint opportunities for Christian service and ministerial formation for students. "This is a tremendous opportunity for our students," said Valdivia, adding, "we've always had a great relationship with Saints and this program looks to build on that. This is a major win not only for our boys, but for all our students who will benefit."

Founded in 1922, St. Augustine High School is the only all-boys Catholic high school in the Diocese of San Diego. Founded in 1944, St. Patrick School celebrates 75 years of providing Catholic elementary education in North Park.

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The 2020 Intersession Expo

Thursday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Augustine Commons

Saints invites you and your family to join us for our annual Intersession Exposition.

Come and enjoy refreshments provided by the Cooking Basics class while you hear first-hand from students about their Intersession experiences.

Don't miss this very special evening!





AROUND CAMPUS



O Holy Night

Beautiful Christmas music emanated from the Raymond Center for the Performing Arts on campus recently as St. Augustine High visual and performing arts department held its annual Christmas Concert under the batons of Cindy Au, Director and Alum William Fleming, Jazz Ensembles Director.

Turkey Trot Hijinx

Senior Jack Klem, a member of Saints Varsity Soccer and Cross Country teams, won this year's annual Turkey Trot 5K race around the streets of North Park. Klem accepts the winning bling from Turkey Trot organizer John Thatcher ('20).

Math teacher Mr. Aaron Okuley was still out in the race when faculty winner Mr. Branden Johnston ('92) was already accepting first place honors from race official Saintsman John Thatcher. Mr. Okuley reportedly blamed his non-winning effort on his hat, of all things.

One of the race organizers Phil Schabarum ('20), arrived rarin' to go by combining two popular Saints events No Shave November and the Turkey Trot.



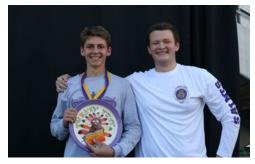
Mr. Okuley ran with a turkey on his head.



Phil Schabarum '20, one of the race organizers is ready to go...notice the no-shave November mustachio.



Chief Johnston was winner of the Faculty division.



Overall winner Jack Klem '20 with race organizer John Thatcher '20.



Rivals for One Day

Saints football alums now playing varsity football as Freshman JT Penick (Army), left, and Tysean White (Navy) reunited recently at the 120th annual game between the two service academies. This year Navy won 31-7 and leads the all-time series 61-52 with seven tie games.



AROUND CAMPUS



All-CIF Saintsmen

Connor Heffler, a varsity football standout this season earned first team All-CIF and First Team All-Western League honors. Earning All-CIF second team honors were Eavan Gibbons and Jalil Tucker.

Dear Parents and Friends

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wisdom, habituating each student to desire learning and to find delight in self discovery. This is the essence of the Augustinian value of truth (veritas).

In an *ad limina* address to a group of American bishops a little more than a decade ago, Pope John Paul II pinpointed the importance of having a correct grasp of truth if the Church's educational efforts are to bear fruit:

"The greatest challenge to Catholic education in the United States today, and the greatest contribution that authentically Catholic education can make to American culture, is to restore to that culture the conviction that human beings can grasp the truth of things, and, in grasping that truth, can know their duties to God, to themselves and their neighbors."

As we embrace the New Year, I pray that the school community will experience a year filled with purposeful, gracious living that seeks the truth in all things.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,







Saints Hoops Impress at Top Tournament Levels



Left to right: Declan Bretz; Charlie Gehler; Isaiah Brickner; Jake Woldman; Prince Adeji; Nakial Cross; Chibuzo Agbo; Luke Haupt; Alexis Dennis; Tyson McWilliams; Malcolm Williams; Mark Dixon; and Tyson Shields.



Tyson McWilliams in the Overland High game Tarkanian Tournament Las Vegas won by Saints 48-45.

St. Augustine High's Varsity
Basketball team, a tall, fast and high
scoring machine competed in two major
prep tournaments featuring many of the
top teams and players in the nation.

TARKANIAN CLASSIC

Saints returned with a winning record earned at the Tarkanian Classic Boys High School Basketball Tournament midway last month. More than 150 teams from across the U.S. played in several divisions. The Saintsmen did not figure in the Vegas tourney top honors, but did come away with a respectable 3-1 record competing in the highest division. Topping Colorado's Overland High (48-45); Coronado High of Nevada (73-68) and New York's Thomas Jefferson High (72-67), they lost only to Mater Dei of Los Angeles

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Nakial Cross slams in Tarkanian Tourney action vs. Nevada's Overland High.



Chibuzo Agbo battles for rebound in Saints vs. Coronado (Nev). High Tarkanian tourney won by Saints 73-68.



Alexis Dennis hauls in pass on offense vs. Nevada's Coronado High.

NEXT GAMES

Upcoming January 2020, Saints Varsity hoops schedule includes:

Jan. 10 @ Christian High 7:30pm

Jan. 14 @ Saints vs. Cathedral 7pm 'Western League opener)

lan. 18 @ Saints vs. Lincoln 6pm

Ian 21 @ Mission Bay 5:15nm

Jan. 24 @ La Jolla 7pm

Jan. 31 @ Saints vs. Christian 7:30pm

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(66-59). Corona Centennial beat Las Vegas Bishop Gorman 71-55 for the Tarkanian top Platinum Division crown.

TORREY PINES HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Ranked the number one team in San Diego County going into the annual Torrey Pines Holiday Classic Tournament, St. Augustine High opened the TP tournament's top National Division against San Diego's No. 3 ranked Foothills Christian. Opening game went to Saints 75-60.

Saints edged by San Jose's Archbishop

Mitty High 61-60 in overtime before losing to J Serra High 67-63. A 64-56 win over Torrey Pines High and a 75-59 win over Riverside Poly closed out Saints record at the Torrey Pines Holiday Classic with 4 wins and one loss.

The Tarkanian and the Torrey Pines
Holiday Classic are considered the elite
tournaments on the West Coast. Because
these tournaments literally play back to
back, at one point Saints played seven
games in 9 days leading up to Christmas
Day. J Serra High beat U.S. ranked (#4)
Sheldon High (Sacramento) 52-50 to

capture the Torrey Tourney's elite National Division. J Serra narrowly beat Saints in tournament play 67-63.

Saints Varsity Basketball record stood at 15 wins, 3 losses. So far, Saints remains undefeated against San Diego area teams going into 2020.

Earlier in non tourney, non-conference Saints fought valiantly against Sierra Canyon, a top team in California and the nation. That team is loaded with college bound talent, including Los Angeles Laker star LaBron James's son Bronny.



Saints Coach Mike Haupt directs team from bench vs. Mater Dei (Santa Ana). Standing next to Coach is Luke Haupt, the team's top rebounder a.k.a. Chairman of the Boards.



Nakial Cross on a scoring drive vs. Thomas Jefferson High (New York) in match won by Saints. Saints did not medal in Tarkanian tourney but did leave Las Vegas with three wins and one loss vs. elite national competition.



Luke Haupt on offense vs. Archbishop Mitty High.



Isaiah Bricker's reverse lay-in late in the game vs. Torrey Pines High broke open the game. Saints won 64-56.

VARSITY BASKETBALL SCORES TO DATE

12-30-19 win 75-59 vs. Riverside Poly for 5th Torrey Pines Holiday Tournament, National Division.

12-28-19 win 64-56 vs Torrey Pines High Torrey Pines Tourney

12-27-19 loss 67-63 vs. J Serra (San Juan Capistrano) Torrey Pines Tourney

12-26-19 win 61-60 (OT) vs. Archbishop Mitty (San Jose) Torrey Pines Tourney

12-23-19 win vs. Foothills Christian 75-60 Torrey Pines Tourney

12-21-19 win vs. Thomas Jefferson (New York) 72-67 Tarkanian Tournament Las Vegas.

12-20-20 win vs. Coronado (Nevada) 73-68 Tarkanian Tournament

12-19-19 loss vs. Mater Dei (Santa Ana) 66-59 Tarkanian Tournament

12-18-19 win vs. Overland High (Colorado) 48-45 Tarkanian Tournament

12-16-19 named #1 UT High School Basketball rankings for first time this season.

12-14-19 win vs. Clark High (Las Vegas) 83-53

12-13-19 win vs. Fairmont Prep (Anaheim) 70-55

11-30-19 win vs. Christian (El Cajon) 60-52

11-29-19 win vs. Mission Hills (San Marcos) 46-33

11-26-19 win vs. Point Loma 65-46

11-25-19 win vs. Hoover 68-58

11-23-19 win vs. Montgomery 84-65

11-22-19 loss vs Sierra Canyon (Chatsworth) 75-54

11-21-19 win vs. Helix 76-70



Tyson McWilliams aims the first of two nothing but net technical foul free throws vs. Riverside Poly. McWilliams' hot hand turned the game into a rout in the 4th period.

Cheers for the Beards

By Ty Woods ('23)

Things got a little hairy at Saints late in Fall as the annual "no-shave November" fundraiser took place once again. The fundraiser, hosted by the interact club, donated all proceeds to the Hogar Infantil Orphanage in Mexico, as always.

In order to ditch the razor and sport as much facial hair as possible, students paid \$15 to enter the contest and enjoy a weekly spirit dress pass. Raising over \$1,100 the event culminated at the

end of the month with students competing against one another to determine who had gown the best mustaches, beard and chops.

No shave November does not only benefit those at Hogar Infantil, but it also creates a popular friendly environment at Saints heading into final exams. One could not possibly walk around campus with out smiling at the fantastic display of facial hair in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors.



Aidan Johnston, ('20)



Joe Morse ('20)



Kieran Amsberry ('20)



Toby Salem ('21)



Nick Sylvester ('20)



Mr. Aaron Okuley, Ms. Cindy Au, Mr. Ezekiel Oliwa



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