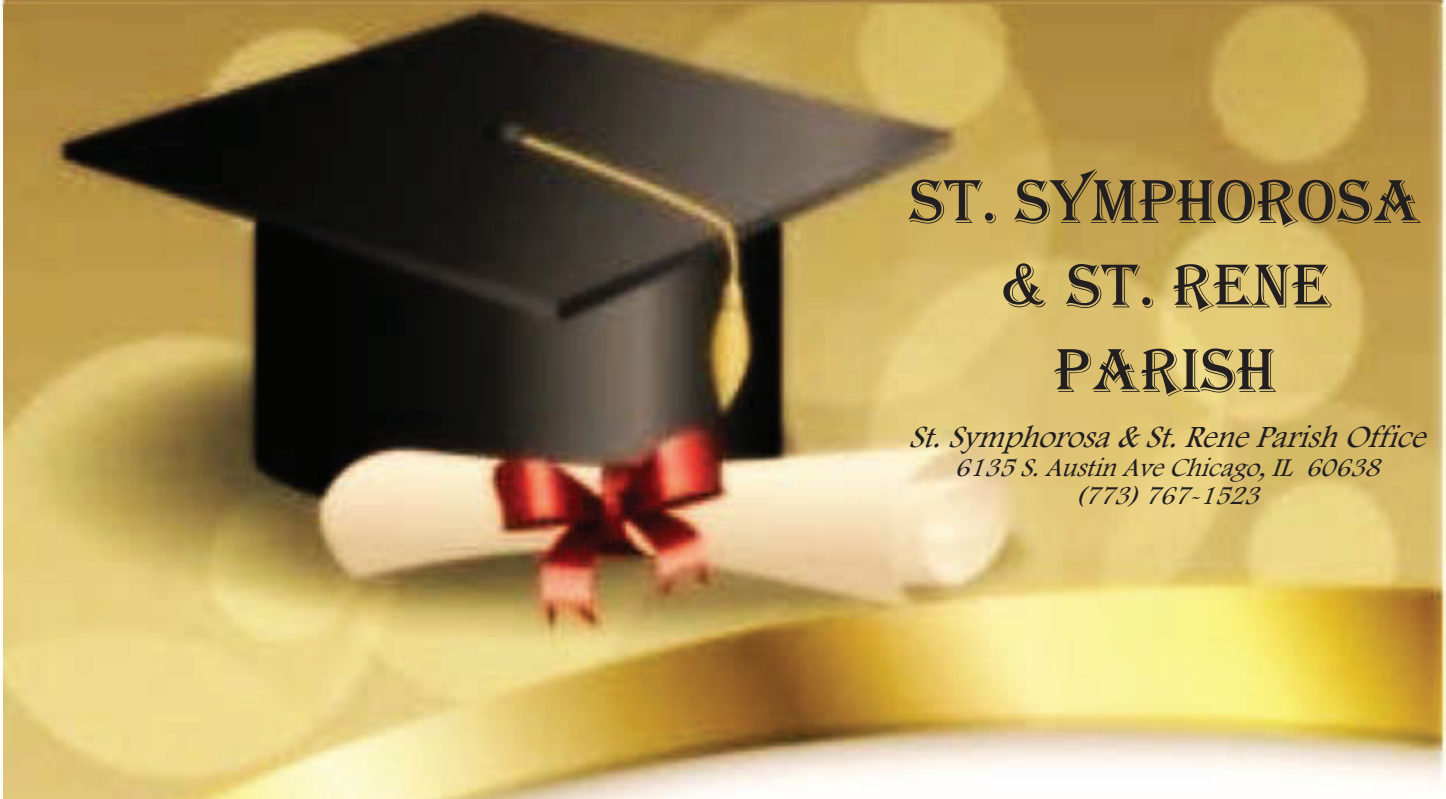

ST. SYMPHOROSA & ST. RENE PARISH

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST. SYMPHOROSA GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020

AUGUST 7, 2020

GRADUATE NAME	HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE	GRADUATE NAME	HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE
Norman Bilek	St. Laurence	Julie Marrella	St. Laurence
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Daniel Hernandez	Brother Rice	Leah Sautkus	Nazareth
Grace Jania	Nazareth	Nicholas Smolek	Brother Rice
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Sophia Koch	St. Laurence	Leah Vazquez	Curie High School
Giovanni Lepore, Jr.	Marist	Dulce Villanueva	John Hancock
Natalie Lopez	De La Salle	John Witowski, Jr.	De La Salle

Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

Welcome to the Parish of St. Symphorosa & St. Rene!!

The purpose of life is UNION with Christ.

The Lord gives us through His Church all we need to grow closer to Him and to one another. The Christian aim is to live to the fullest possible extent of life outlined in the Gospel.

God plays His part. We must play our part.

Saint Augustine wrote, "God created us without us but He will not save us without us."

Our part is to cooperate with God's grace and allow Him to use us as instruments of love in this world. There are three responses to God's grace: acceptance, rejection, or indifference.

The Creator loved us into existence and has given us FREEWILL. As human beings we have the ability to MAKE CHOICES. Love does not coerce. That wouldn't be love. God desires we return His love for us with our love for Him. Love is a choice; a decision.

God is continually inviting us into His friendship and life. We live in a world that does not believe in objective truth, but God IS TRUTH. His invitation for salvation and an abundant life is offered constantly to us. God does not conform His ideas to our ideas, but He invites us and has shown us in so many ways how He is willing to humble himself for the sake of our salvation.

This is GOOD NEWS. It asks for a response from us that is in conformity to God's will and ways.

We all at times (some more than others) struggle with "rebel heart." We want to shake our fist at God and yell, "I'm going to do it my way." This really does lead to a life of conflict. True inner peace (soul peace) comes from aligning my will with God's will.

Again, the purpose of life is UNION with Christ.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter steps out of the boat and walks on the water toward Jesus. Notice how as long as Peter stays focused on the Lord, he stayed above water. However, once Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and fixated on the strong wind, he began to sink.

We, too, risk sinking when we take our eyes off of Christ and focus more on the troubles of this world. When we take our eyes off of Jesus, we begin to think all the problems of our day are insurmountable. This basically means we think the wind is stronger than the Creator.

Peter cries out, "Lord, save me." This is where I imagine Jesus extending His hand toward Peter. That's God's loving act toward us; toward YOU. Will you cooperate with His saving plan by grabbing hold of His sacred hand?

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" says Jesus.

Once they got into the boat, the wind died down. That means once we make a decision to remain WITH Jesus (in his boat means in His Church) we no longer fear the strong winds of this world. We place our hope in the One who claims, "Behold, I make all things new."

Safely in the boat, after having grabbed hold of His salvific hand, we too can say, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Continued Safety at Mass

Thank you all for cooperating with our church re-opening guidelines.

These guidelines are in place for a reason. I know they can come across as cumbersome, but we need to keep in mind that not everyone is at the same comfort level in light of Co-VID 19.

Please continue to register for Holy Mass (either online, by phone, or sign -in day of). We still have a limit on how many people can be safely inside the church building. We need a contact phone number should there be a Co-VID19 concern. These sheets are destroyed after two weeks.

Please continue to wear a mask, to sanitize your hands, and keep a safe six-feet or more distance from those not in your household.

During Communion, while in line, avoid bunching up. Yes, we have a natural human tendency in line to bunch up close to others. Please be intentional about not crowding together in the Communion line. Keep a 6-foot distance from the person in front of you as you come forward to receive the Eucharist.

FAVORITE

Quote of the Week

"His Church is one, His see is one, founded by the voice of the Lord on Peter. No other altar can be set up, no other priesthood instituted apart from that one altar and that one priesthood. Whoever gathers elsewhere, scatters."

~St. Cyprian

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Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Rene Worship Site

6949 W 63rd Place
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St. Symphorosa School

6125 S. Austin Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60638
(773) 585-6888

Sacrament of Penance

3:15-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Site)
Offered by Appointment During the Week
Please call the Parish Office

CHURCH REOPENING GUIDELINES

As we progress, we have been given strict guidelines that **MUST** be followed from the Archdiocese of Chicago. The guidelines briefly listed below are for confessions, private prayer and public Masses. Please contact the parish office (773.767.1523) for more information or if you have any questions in regards to the guidelines. Also, please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to join our Reopening Team.

Mass - Attendance Capacity Restricted to under 20% - Social Distancing

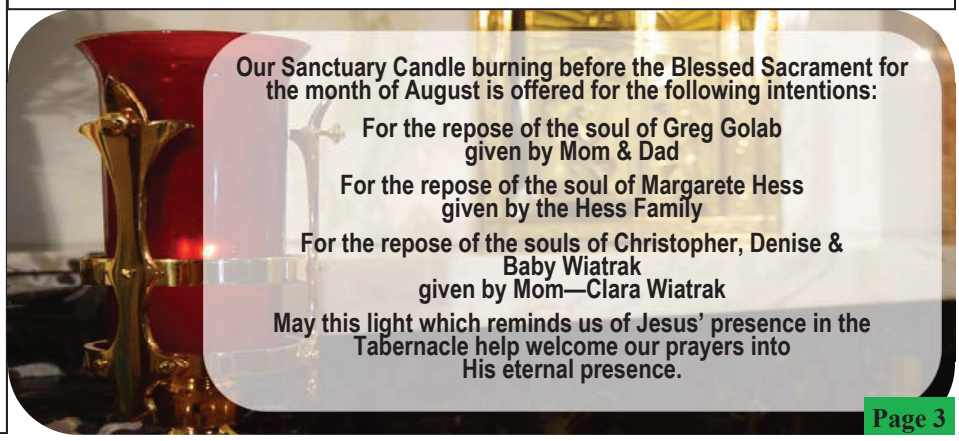
- All Mass worshippers **MUST Pre-register** for a reserved slot, indicating # of attendees (either by changing the quantity or noting the comment sections) and including your first and last name. ***If you miss the opportunity to pre-register for Mass you may still come to church and register upon arrival.***
  - *Pre-register* via a link provided on our parish website and social media or calling the Parish Office (773) 767-1523.
  - *Pre-registration* for weekend Masses opens at Wednesday morning prior to the weekend. Registration will stay open through 12pm (noon) Saturday.
- Please arrive at least ***15 minutes*** before the start of Mass.
- Upon arrival – (**wearing a mask**) check in with a Greeter for seating assignment.
- While not recommended, if you have not pre-registered last minute space MAY be available which would allow late registration on the day of Mass.
- Please be understanding, patient, and courteous throughout this process.

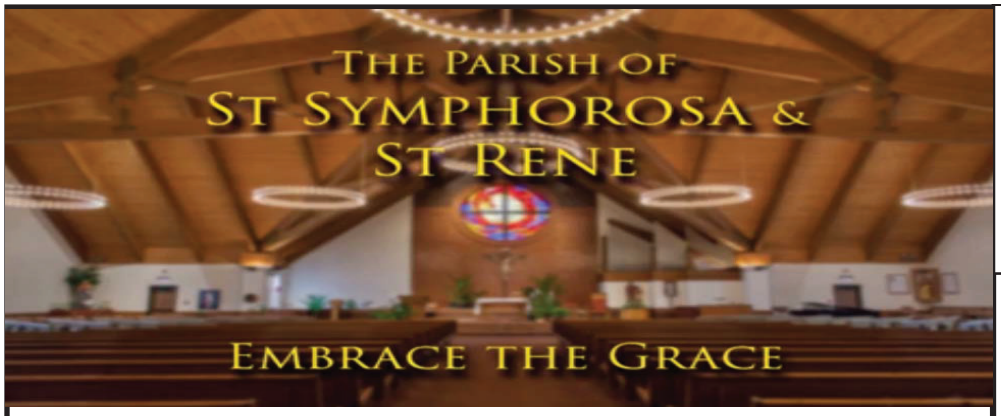
PLEASE NOTE: Dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues. It is still advised that the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions stay at home and participate through livestreamed and televised Masses. If you are feeling ill or have a temperature please do not come to church.

Guidelines for Confession, Private Prayer & Public Mass Attendance

- Everyone entering the church **MUST** wear face masks the entire time, whether during confession, private prayer or Mass! Hand sanitizer will be provided by the parish and MUST be used upon entering the church.
- Trained Greeters will monitor entry, ensure social distancing & direct to appropriate seating.
- Pews and floor will have markings to designate waiting lines, seating, etc. to maintain social distancing

Once again, we are all learning… please be mindful of these guidelines for the safety of yourself and all those around you. We ask for patience and respect towards our greeters and those within our Re-opening Leadership team as they navigate through the first few weeks of this process. We look forward to this opportunity, not only to see some familiar faces again, but to be able to share the Eucharist and worship together within our Catholic faith tradition.





Please take a moment to sit down, watch, and/or listen to Fr. Bob's *"Embrace the Grace"* meditations every week.

Fr. Bob and Steve Kittler, our parish Music Director, began this page as a way to keep in contact with the parish and all our parishioners during the COVID stay at home order. This seven to ten minute video shares the good news with all interested persons.

Please visit the parish website at stsymphorosa.org
or go directly to the YouTube page at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJm6IOYVzFmLnENc-rj7jMQ
to view.

During the ongoing pandemic, the St. Symphorosa Super Club has not held any meetings for the safety of all members. However, it was recently decided to pull the Super Club Raffle Winners in a bid to get caught up. Our hope is that our Senior Club will have the ability to meet once again in the near future. Congratulations to all of the listed winners. Checks have been mailed to winners. Please contact the parish office at 773.767.1523 with any questions. Thank you!

April Winners:

Bonnie Sergal	$25
Ali Naraghi	$25
Gloria Pearce	$50
Richard Pate	$100

May Winners:

Kathy Hynes	$25
Ellen Sochacki	$25
George Kouba	$50
Mary Thorpe	$100

June Winners:

Maureen Foley	$25
Michelle Mason	$25
Dave Kouba	$50
Michael Clifford	$100

July Winners:

Kathy Quilty	$25
Barb Pudelek	$25
Christine Zelek	$50
Cara Sheehan	$100

August Winners:

Jim Byron	$25
Francis Jackson	$25
Jorge Salazar	$50
Mary Shilney	$100

Let us pray...

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

Betty Benbow

Gary B. Regalado, Sr.

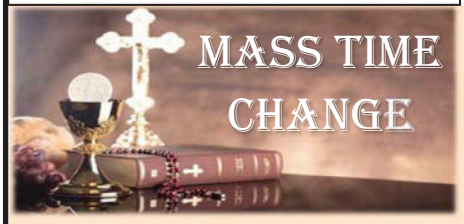
Stewardship

Our stewardship is a combined total from the St. Rene and St. Symphorosa Worship Sites.

Offerings for the weekend of:
Sunday, August 2, 2020
Contribution: $9,591.00

Split the Pot
August 2, 2020
Received this week: $125.00
Winning envelope: #219

Reminder: A minimum of $5.00 is required to participate.



New Mass Schedule with Worship Site

Saturday (Vigil Mass)
4 PM – St. Rene campus
5:30 PM – St. Symphorosa campus

Sunday
7:30 AM – St. Rene campus
9:00 AM – St. Symphorosa campus
10:30 AM – St. Rene campus
NOON – St. Symphorosa campus

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Visit the above website or you can visit our Parish Website at "stsymphorosa.org" and click on the "Donate" tab. Please follow the directions online. It's simple! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at **773.767.1523** and we will be glad assist you.

WELCOME FAMILIES TO ST. SYMPHOROSA AND ST. RENE PARISH

Faith Formation Office

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Email:
msiebenaler@archchicago.org

Coordinator:
Peg Siebenaler

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/8 Communion Practice
9:30am (RE Students)
St. Symphorosa Campus

8/22 First Holy Communion
10am & 2pm
St. Symphorosa Campus

A SPECIAL CALL

When the waters of Baptism are poured over our heads, we receive the gift of grace. We become members of the Church and part of the Church's mission is to share the Good News of Jesus. And so WE HAVE BEEN CALLED to do just that.

Beyond the basic call we received in Baptism, the call to be a catechist is a special vocation, one affirmed by the Church. It's the voice of the Holy Spirit, an interior call to form others in faith.

This fall, the young people of our parish will begin to gather to journey in faith with other children their age. New and "seasoned" catechists are needed to accompany them on this journey.

I invite you to spend some time in prayer and reflection on whether you may be called to share your faith.

2020 - 2021 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Our Faith Formation Office will be EMAILING all formerly registered RE families, Important Information regarding the upcoming Faith Formation School Year. This email will include the registration form. **(Watch for this email...end of August)**

If you are a New Family interested in learning about our Faith Formation Program...Please e-mail Peg Siebenaler at: msiebenaler@archchicago.org

Look for our Faith Formation Registration Table in the Narthex of the Church.

Sunday, August 30, 2020
St. Symphorosa Church
(After the 9am & Noon Masses)

Sunday, September 6, 2020
St. Rene Church
(After the 7:30am & 10:30am Masses)

Representatives will be available to answer questions. Registration Forms will be available.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 8, 2020 ***Saint Dominic, Priest***

4:00pm *St. Rene Church* †Aurora Lopez & Lupe Hernandez *(Almendarez Family)*
Presider: Fr. Matt

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church* Health and Birthday blessings for Mary Kolimas *(Arlene Scaletta)*
Presider: Fr. Bob †Bob Kolimas *(Mary Kolimas)*
†Janet & Steve Molnar *(Hohm Family)*
†Tom & Julie Dorencz *(Kathy Calcagno)*
†Lorraine Ciccio *(Marie Zilka)*

Sunday, August 9, 2020

7:30am *St. Rene Church* †Marion Tulik *(Marge Tulik)*
Presider: Fr. Norm

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Bob Soltis *(Pat Soltis)*
Presider: Fr. Bob †Janet & Steve Molnar *(Hohm Family)*
†Mary Lou Madej *(Husband)*
†Lawrence J. Stec *(Markham Family)*
†Millie Newtoff *(Family)*

10:30am *St. Rene Church* †Raymond Sutkowski *(Edna Bazik)*
Presider: Fr. Bob †Bob & Penny Rogalin *(Janice Shadrey)*
†Alice Tomczak *(Gloria & John Bodoki)*

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church* Health and all the Lord's blessings for Dominic Rygiel
Presider: Fr. Matt

Monday, August 10, 2020 ***Saint Lawrence, Deacon***

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Wayne Tishka *(Joanna & Wayne Tishka)*

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 ***Saint Clare***

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Josephine Pelegrino & Family *(Pelegrino Family)*
†Marge Wanstrath *(Mary Shilney)*
†Gary Grisko *(Family)*

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 ***Saint Jane Frances de Chantal***

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Betty Hardie *(Dolores McClean)*
†Charlie Hynes *(Family)*
†Paulette Wilhelmy *(Family)*

Thursday, August 13, 2020 ***Saint Pontian, Pope & Saint Hippolytus, Priest***

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Kenneth Milewski *(Family)*
†Rosa Mystica - For All People & Their Salvation *(Valles - Tovar Family)*
†Rosa Cicchino *(Rosa Rodriguez)*
†Joseph & LaVerne Slowinski *(Daughters & Families)*
†Bob Soltis *(Pat Soltis)*

Friday, August 14, 2020 ***Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest***

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †John Kolimas *(Mary Kolimas)*
†Sophie Mrozek *(Tuszynski Family)*
†Bruna, Luigi, Tony, & Anna Tomassini *(Tomassini Family)*

Saturday, August 15, 2020 ***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Raymond Sutkowski *(John Sutkowski Family)*
†Richard Merda *(Arlene Scaletta)*

4:00pm *St. Rene Church* †Durack - Gubista Families *(Family)*
Presider: Fr. Bob †Geraldine Finlay *(McAllister & Neligan Families)*

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †John & Irene Simonelic *(Simonelic Family)*
Presider: Fr. Matt †Dorothy Bogumil *(Claire Moran)*
†Eugene R. Zdziennicki *(Sister)*
†Janet & Steve Molnar *(Hohm Family)*

Sunday, August 16, 2020

7:30am *St. Rene Church* †Morgan M. Yersich *(Family)*
Presider: Fr. Matt †Alice Tomczak *(Gloria & John Bodoki)*

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Lynda Sullivan *(Jas Sullivan, Sr. & Family)*
Presider: Fr. Norm †Janet & Steve Molnar *(Hohm Family)*
†Dolores Kochan *(Arlene Scaletta)*

10:30am *St. Rene Church* †Catherine Bartuch Morrell *(Family)*
Presider: Fr. Matt †Mike Hughes - RETCFD *(Jerry Hughes)*

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †Ellen O'Leary, Jack O'Leary, Lillian Byrne & John O'Leary *(Mike & Bea Byrne)*
Presider: Fr. Bob †John & Cathy Ryan *(Cathy & Pat Carone)*

Weekend Presider subject to change without notice

Prayer Tree

There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of these is

Martin Adelsbach
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Guadalupe Almendarez
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Domenico Lepore
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John Martini
Marge Masunas
Lori McCarthy
Ed McGriff
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Genevieve Nagle
William Nita
Florence Panzarella
Eleanor Pastorek
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Picciolini
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Marilyn Polit
Marie Pratt
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Edward Robertson
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Joseph Rudnik
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Marge Schmidt
Judith Siwek
Elliana Sterk
Brian Styka
Terry Styka
Michael Tallon
Sandra Tallon
Mary Thorpe
Scott Tloczek
Shirley Tloczek
George Trendle
Judith Webber
Joan Wilhelmy
Richard Zaleski
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family. Please let us know when to remove a name.

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Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
LCpl. Justin R. Thorpe, USMC
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

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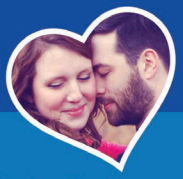
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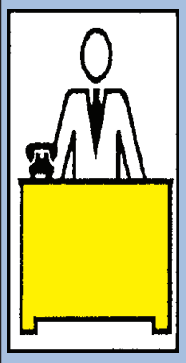

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