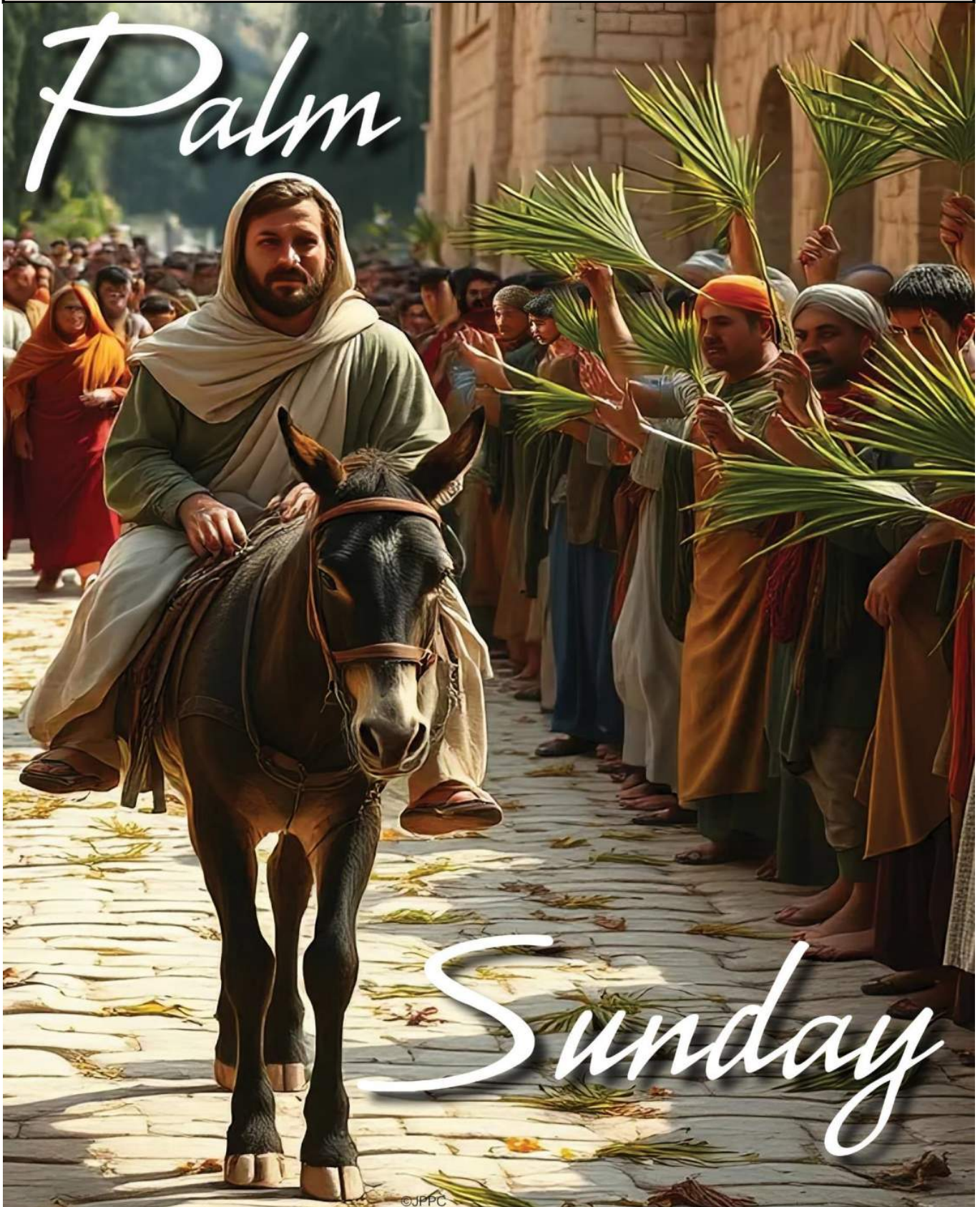


Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Hackettstown, New Jersey
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 13, 2025





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 12th

5:30pm: For the People of the Parish

7:00pm: Rosa Maria Rojas – r/o Her Loving Family
and Miguel Cordova – r/o His Loving Family

Sunday, April 13th

8:00am: Marie & Eutiche Philantrophe – r/o Their
Loving Daughter

10:00am: The Deceased Members of the Knights of
Columbus Joyce Kilmer Council

Monday, April 14th

8:00am: Lance & Marie Keeler – r/o Their Estate

Tuesday, April 15th

8:00am: For the Soul of Rev. William Henry Oram
(Passed 4/15/1889), Past Priest – r/o Church
Of the Assumption BVM

Wednesday, April 16th

8:00am: Bill O'Brien – r/o His Brothers Daniel and
John

Thursday, April 17th

8:00am: Morning Prayer

7:00pm: Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday, April 18th

8:00am: Morning Prayer

12:00pm: Stations of the Cross in English

3:00pm: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

6:00pm: Stations of the Cross in Spanish

Saturday, April 19th

8:00am: Morning Prayer

12:00pm: Blessing of the Easter Baskets

9:00pm: The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 20th

8:00am: For the People of the Parish

10:00am: Rosalie Kirk – r/o Her Loving Family

12:00pm: Erario DeJesus Soberano Morales
and Luis A. Rojas – r/o His Loving Family
Spanish Mass

One Church in Prayer

Let us all take time to pray for and with the Church's universal Bishop – Pope Francis through his health challenges. Let us carry prayers for his wellbeing and for his intentions with our prayers to God the Loving Father each day as we lovingly give thanks for what has been given to us.



"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.



Hospitality Sunday Social, Egg Hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny!!!!

Come one, come all. Let's have some fun. Join us for a fun Palm Sunday morning with the Easter Bunny and enjoy refreshments and fellowship on April 13th after the 10 am Mass!



**Please join us for Vacation Bible School
this year!!**

Where: Church of the Assumption of the BVM

When: July 7-11 **Time:** 9am to 12:00pm **Cost:** \$10 per child

Who: Children entering Kindergarten to 4th grade in September of 2025.

Your children will learn that everyone is welcome at God's table! We will spend our time together learning, praying, doing crafts, singing, playing outside, eating snacks and building community. We will need many helpers and resources. Keep your eye out for registration and volunteer opportunities!! Contact Mary Cash 908-797-4071 or mcash6@yahoo.com with any questions.



EASTER GIVING TREE MINISTRY



Hip Hop Hooray, soon it will be Easter Sunday. Families will be celebrating Easter at Easter Sunday Mass, they will be enjoying Easter traditions, and gathering for Easter

dinner together.

Many of our parish families will need help to bring joy and happiness to them on this special day. The Giving Tree Ministry is reaching out to help these families. We are asking for Shoprite and Weis gift card donations. These can be purchased at the gift card table after masses. Please take an envelope from the Easter Tree and place the gift card in it, and return it to the gift card table. The Church of the Assumption BVM will receive 5% back from the gift cards purchased. Your kindness and generosity is truly appreciated.

Gratefully, Dorothy Cusack – 908-752-9926

Upcoming Mass Schedule

4/13 – Palm Sunday – 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass; 11:00 am Hospitality Social & Photos with the Easter Bunny

4/17 – Office Closed - Holy Thur – 8:00 am Morning Prayer; 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper; Washing of the Feet; Benediction until midnight

4/18 – Office Closed - Good Fri – Passion of the Lord – 8:00 am Morning Prayer; 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross; 3:00 pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ; 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross Spanish

4/19 – Holy Sat – 8:00 am Morning Prayer; NO Adoration; 12:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Baskets; 9:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

4/20 – Easter Sunday – 8:00 am Mass; 10:00 am Mass; 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

4/20 – 4/26 – Novena each evening at 7:00 pm

4/21 – Easter Monday – Office Closed

4/27 – Sun – The Divine Mercy – 1:30 pm Quiet prayer hour; 2:30 pm Praying of Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; 3:00 pm Bilingual Mass for the Divine Mercy

PRAYER MINISTRY



Sunday Rosary Prayer

Please consider joining the Rosary Altar Society in honoring Mary, the Mother of the Church and the Patron of Our Church, in praying the Rosary on Sunday mornings starting at 7:30 am, before the 8:00am Mass.

Zoom Rosary

Join us to pray the Rosary, Monday through Friday at 7:30 pm on ZOOM with Deacon Walter. **Zoom**

Meeting ID: [757 0643 7356](https://us02zoom.us/j/75706437356)

Pass code: [2INb48](https://us02zoom.us/j/75706437356) All are welcome!

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS



Anthony Appleby-US Army, Nicholas Appleby, US Air Force, Jon Barrett-Marines, Shaun Collins-Navy, Private David Decker (ARNG), Nolan Drylie-

U.S.M.C., Jason Fischer-US Army, Cabriella Gongala-E4 Airforce Reserve, Brial Holl, Sgt. Nicholas Jakfors, U.S. Army General Dixon Taylor-PFC, Alex Urankar-1st Lieutenant U.S.M.C., Ronald James Vizcarra, Bret Wade-CSM, Ryan Oakley, U.S. Army Reserve, Antony Munene (Airforce), Sarah Mahanga Mando (Army), Mark Munene (Army) and Matthew Mugo (Army).



Please pray for all those who have died. May all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen.



Rebecca Alberto, Debbie Alfieri, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Jodi Bremner, Mary-Ann Brzosko, Lucille Caldara, Joe Chiarello, Olga Cruz, Lili Decker, Edward Dimiceli, James Florence, Robert Foose, Brian Gorcki, Jeff Hill, Michael, Peg & KK Jeffery, Amanda King, Stacey Lennon, Carmela Lucarelli, Annette Murphy, Tiffany Pulis, Elaina Rewiski, Francisco Cristino Reyes, Paul Rochelle, Anne Rowland Clymer, Tom Shields, Laura Stuart, Wileen Tavera, and Paige Ubertaccio.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Our next Parish *Men's Ministry Group* will meet Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 9 am – 11 am in the Parish Center. All *men* are welcome to come and join other like-minded *men*, develop friendships, grow in faith with one another, pray together and hear the joys/challenges of our daily lives. Sharing with others is up to the individual.
Deacon Walter walter.p257@comcast.net.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

We will not be gathering on Holy Monday or Easter Monday.

After the break for the Holy Days of the Easter season, we will be starting a new journey into "The Creed" that we profess each Sunday at Mass and how it is a true summary of what we believe. This will be a look at the Church and the World at the time the Creed was adopted with the help of Bishop Barron to understand what the words reveal.

Come join us starting on Monday, April 28th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Auditorium. All are welcome.



4/06/25 - Weekly Collection... ..\$ 4,467
Electronic Giving.....\$ 1,112
Total.....\$ 5,579

There is a second collection this week for the Diocesan Clergy Retirement.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving is available to you for your weekly donations as well as all second collections to our church. Please go to our website (OLofA.org) and click on the "*Electronic Giving*" tab to set up your account, or click the *QR code* that will link you

to Vanco, which is our electronic giving service. You can edit your account at any time. This service provides a convenient and consistent donation flow for our church. You can set up an automatic debit to your checking or savings account or use a credit card. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Parish Office.



FAITH FORMATION

**Rose Strohmaier, PCL
(908) 303-9692**

Faith Formation Office is located in the School Building
faithformation@assumptionbvmnj.org

Faith Formation Calendar

April

- Wednesday 16—Faith Formation—Empowering God's Children Part II—Communion Practice Older Communicants (Mrs. Taveras)
- Wednesday 23—Easter Vacation
- Saturday 26—7:00PM 1st Communion Older Children**
- Wednesday 30—Faith Formation 1st Communion and Confirmation Practice—Evaluations

May

- Saturday 3—1st Communion**
- Sunday 4—May Crowning and Closing Mass**
Year 5—Hosts—arrive no later than 9:45AM
- Wednesday 7—Faith Formation—Last Session**

**2025-2026 FF Registration is in process.
Please contact Rose Strohmaier with questions.**

NOTE: When paying in cash, please bring the exact amount.

For all our Faith Formation young adults who were confirmed by Bishop James Checchio on Friday April 11th, that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit strengthen their resolve to live as faithful disciples of Christ and be ambassadors of God's love and agents of positive change in the world.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Requesting Recipes! The Rosary Altar Society is putting together a cookbook from the Parishioner's recipes for a fundraiser this summer. Please send us your favorite recipes. You can put them in the collection basket, give to a Rosarian member or email Jacki at secretary@assumptionbvmnj.org. There is also a "Donation Box" in the foyer to drop your recipes. Thank you!

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY



ST. MARY'S CUPBOARD

Open: The first and third Tuesdays of the month from 6pm to 7pm and the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 10am to 11:30am.

Donations can be dropped off in the Church or at the Pantry during open hours. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. We are in need of 1 lb. bags of dry black beans. Thank you!!! For more information please call/text/email Kathy Segada at 908-337-2118, Kathleen.d.segada@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We're looking for Fundraising Committee Members. We also need volunteers to help with a bit of time before, during or after each upcoming event. If interested in becoming a Committee member or a volunteer, please leave a phone message with your phone number for Frank D'Alessandro at 862-485-4354.

Dollars for Dollars – Shop Rite and Weis Cards are available for purchase after Mass or in the Rectory. Our church receives 5% back on your purchase from these stores. We all need to shop so please consider buying these cards to help with fundraising. They make great gifts year 'round!

YOUTH MINISTRY



SCHOOL CAF - Tues 4/29
MIDDLE SCHOOL: 6PM - 7PM
HIGH SCHOOL: 6:45 - 8PM

JOIN US FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE!

We welcome any donations for our snack packs that will be donated to Elijah's Promise: Granola bars, oatmeal, chips.

RSVP to BVMYOUTHMIN@GMAIL.COM

Hershey Park Discount Tickets are being offered at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Rt. 46, Great Meadows, NJ. Regular price per person is \$89.95 per day. Our discount price is \$46 per person (all ages 3+). All tickets must be paid for and ordered by April 20th. Call us at 908-637-4269, email us at stpeterandpaul@comcast.net, or visit www.peterpaulgm.com and under the tab Upcoming Events, you will find the order form.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Concert Fundraiser on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Doors open at 7 pm; show starts at 8 pm. "Swing and sing in the Spring Concert". Dance, sing or just sit back, relax and listen to the music. "Pete and Geno Duo" will be performing songs from the 50's, 60's and more. Listen to Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Bobby Darin, Doo Wop and more. The Knights will be selling tickets the weekend of April 26th & 27th after masses. Cost is \$10 per person.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity – Week #10

Jesus gave us a perfect example to follow, constantly demonstrating love and care for those around Him. Much of the work that is done through our Church to advocate for respect for life, consoling those who are in hospital or prisons, and providing for the poor and vulnerable depends on the sharing of our financial resources through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

2025 Lenten Obligations

1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (Mar. 5) and Good Friday (Apr. 18).
2. The other Fridays of Lent (Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr 4 and 11) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Lent 2025 Online Mission with Bruce Downes – The Catholic Guy

Experience spiritual renewal this Lent through an inspiring online Mission Event with Bruce Downes with people from all around the world.

Online and easy to access, this powerful resource is perfect for individuals, families, and parish groups.

Starts April 5, 2025. Registration required.

☞ Register now

at: missionevent.thecatholicguy.com

Catholic Relief Services – Rice Bowl

Thank you to all who participated in the Rice Bowl. We will be collecting the boxes during Holy Week and through May 4, 2025. You can drop your box in the basket in the back of the church at any time, or you can drop them in the collection basket.

Again, thank you all for your participation!

HISPANIC MINISTRY

“Pedro, te digo que hoy mismo, antes de que cante el gallo, tres veces negarás que me conoces.” (Lucas 22:34)

¿Cuántas veces ha escuchado a alguien hacer un comentario despectivo acerca de Dios o de nuestra fe Católica? ¿Como reaccionó? ¿Permaneció callado para no causar molestias? ¿O, porque no quería que los demás pensarán negativamente de usted? ¿O, porque pensó que no sabía lo suficiente acerca de la fe Católica? Ore para tener la valentía de hablar y entablar una conversación respetuosa cuando se presente la oportunidad de hablar acerca de nuestra fe. Comparta con alegría su fe con los demás.

Ofrecemos una clase de inglés para ADULTOS los martes en la escuela de 5:30 pm a 7:00 pm. Llame a la Rectoría 908-852-3320 para dejar un mensaje para Vita si está interesado o comuníquese directamente con ella a vitam@aol.com.

Catholic Relief Services – Plato de arroz

Gracias a todos los que participaron en el Plato de Arroz. Estaremos recogiendo las cajas durante la Semana Santa y hasta el 4 de mayo de 2025. Puede dejar su caja en la canasta en la parte trasera de la iglesia en cualquier momento, o puede dejarla en la canasta de la colecta.

De nuevo, ¡gracias a todos por vuestra participación!



¡Únase a nosotros en nuestra Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones este año!

Dónde: Iglesia de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Cuándo: Del 7 al 11 de julio de 2025

Horario: De 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m.

Para quiénes: Niños de kínder a 4.º grado en septiembre de 2025.

Costo: \$10 por niño

¡Sus hijos aprenderán que todos son bienvenidos a la mesa de Dios! Pasaremos tiempo juntos aprendiendo, orando, haciendo manualidades, cantando, jugando al aire libre, comiendo pasabocas y construyendo comunidad. Necesitaremos muchos ayudantes y recursos.

¡Esté atento a las inscripciones y oportunidades de voluntariado!

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Mary Cash al 908-797-4071 o a mcash6@yahoo.com.

Serie de Misas del Jubileo - Jóvenes Hispanos

El Año Jubilar de los “Peregrinos de Esperanza” de 2025 es un momento para reconocer el valor de nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos hispanos. Acompáñanos en la Misa mensual bilingüe, organizada por jóvenes y jóvenes adultos de nuestra diócesis, el último viernes de cada mes en una parroquia de nuestra diócesis.

Viernes 25 de abril de 2025 a las 7:30 pm
Parroquia St Luke, North Plainfield (286 Clinton Ave, North Plainfield, NJ 07063)

Para más información sobre fechas, horarios y lugares, pueden comunicarse al 732 243 4573 o a Lescobar@diometuchen.org

2025 Obligatorio Durante la Cuaresma

1. Días en los que hay que hacer ayuno y abstinencia son Marzo 5 (Miércoles de Ceniza) y Abril 18 (Viernes Santo)
2. Todos los Viernes durante la Cuaresma (Marzo 7, 14, 21, 28; Abril 4 y 11) son días de abstinencia
3. Ayuno para los Católicos significa que se puede comer solamente 1 comida fuerte durante todo el día (o desayuno, o almuerzo, o cena...solo uno de los tres), pero se puede comer además hasta dos comidas bien ligeras. La obligación de ayunar solo es para aquellos entre los 14 y 59 años de edad.
4. Abstinencia para los Católicos significa que no se puede comer carne de res, ni pollo, ni puerco, ni pavo. Esta obligación es para todo Católico que tenga por lo menos 14 años de edad.

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