



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
AND PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC STUDIES
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY

- Certifications in Church Ministry and Catechesis
- Undergraduate Vatican Diploma in Theology
- Master of Arts Degree in Sacred Theology

Are **YOU** courageous enough to walk in the footsteps of the Saints?
Do you want to pursue the best training for the New Evangelization?

COME AND SEE!



Why study Theology and Catholic Studies?

To **GROW** in relationship with Jesus Christ

To **DISCOVER** the truths of the Faith

...For the New Evangelization

To **WITNESS** your faith more authentically

To **TEACH** the Faith in service to the Church

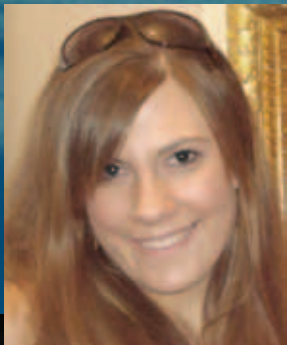
...In the New Evangelization

IS GOD CALLING YOU?



Job Opportunities for Lay Catholics in the Church Today

There are growing opportunities for qualified lay Catholics to serve the Church in full-time employment with salary and benefits. Those who study theology and ministry become prepared to serve in parishes as Directors of Youth Ministry, RCIA, Adult Education, Pastoral Ministry, or Religious Education. Graduates of theology may also pursue positions in teaching, Catholic formation, campus ministry, or administration within various Catholic organizations including diocesan offices, Catholic schools, or Catholic universities. Students who complete their degree in theology at GST may consider continuing their studies toward a doctorate in theology to engage in theological research or to teach theology at the graduate level.



“What I like most about GST’s masters program is the orthodox education I am receiving. All of my professors are extremely passionate about Catholic Theology and are dedicated to passing on to their students the beautiful teachings of the Church in all its fullness.”

Brooke Hewitt

GST

The Graduate School of Theology and Program of Catholic Studies (GST) at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia is seeking Catholics who want to pursue a fulfilling academic program of theology to help them prepare to take part in Blessed John Paul II's call for the New Evangelization. GST is a center of theological education in Philadelphia for laity, priests, and religious from the Greater Philadelphia area and the entire country. It conducts evening, summer, and online courses, on both the graduate and undergraduate levels in Catholic theology and in various institute programs. If you're looking for a dynamic and vibrant program of theology and Catholic studies, in a truly inspiring setting, then **please consider contacting GST.**



Our Campus

GST is located on the beautiful, expansive campus of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (founded in 1832), which is home to 145 seminarians from all over the country. Students take classes within the magnificent old-stone buildings, with tree-lined sidewalks, and hallways filled with religious artwork, providing an ideal setting for theological study and growth in faith formation. GST students also enjoy a beautiful Rome-style chapel for adoration and prayer.

The campus has a recently renovated, state-of-the-art library with one of the largest collections of theology books in the country. Being located in such a historically important and Catholic city, so close to the major centers of New York and Washington DC, makes GST a uniquely apt place to study theology and become more acquainted with the Church on a national level.

Our History

GST was founded at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1969, and today has approximately 475 students (including laity, priests, and religious) with about 50 faculty (8:1 student/professor ratio). For decades, it has had the reputation of promoting solidly Catholic teaching with academic rigor. *"Our Archdiocesan-sponsored programs are not just for priests and religious, but for all the Catholic faithful, and especially for the laity,"* says Dr. Kelly Bowring, Dean of GST. *"We have students from the local area as well as from throughout the country who come to GST to study. Our programs include priests, religious sisters, and lay persons from all backgrounds."*



OUR MISSION

GST is a co-educational program of theological study, faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the Catholic intellectual tradition within the framework of *"intellectual charity"* (Benedict XVI). Fostering a loving community centered on Jesus Christ, we provide a fully integrated theological education grounded in natural reason and revealed truth, with emphasis on the Eucharist, Mary, Scripture as the soul of theology, and fidelity to the Magisterium. GST seeks to form students who are authentic living witnesses of the Faith sent forth to assist the Church in the joyful work of the New Evangelization.

OUR VISION

GST is answering Blessed John Paul II's call to build and renew the Church of the Third Millennium. GST's vision is to educate and form students who, as leaders in Church ministries and apostolates, will live by the highest intellectual and ethical standards and fully witness the Gospel in truth and love to those they are called to serve.



GST's Academic Dean, Dr. Kelly Bowring, has had a distinguished career in Catholic higher education. He has been a dean of spirituality, chair of theology, and director of a national catechetical institute while previously teaching at Ave Maria University and Southern Catholic College. He received his masters in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, his licentiate from Dominican House of Studies (and JPPI Institute) in Washington DC, and his doctorate from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Dr. Bowring has authored several publications – most notably, *To Hold & Teach the Catholic Faith* (St. Pauls/Alba House) and several prayer and catechetical books (with W. J. Hirten Co.). He has recently published a best-selling book on Marian prophecy (see details at www.TwoHeartsPress.com) that received the imprimatur from Cardinal Vidal; and his new book, *Your Life Redeemed*, dynamically discusses the seven foundation stones to build your life of faith. Dr. Bowring and his wife, Diana, have eight children.

A Message from the Dean

Deciding to begin or continue your education in theology is a major decision, and where you choose to study is very important. GST has a solid reputation in Catholic higher education, providing diverse offerings in Catholic theology and catechesis, and is fully-accredited and Vatican-endorsed in its programs. GST has a strong legacy of success in forming men and women for service to the Church. Whether you are building your theological credentials for service in ministry or simply hoping to grow in your knowledge of the Faith, **I hope you will consider enrolling in GST.**

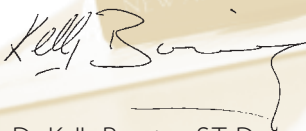
GST is built on two pillars – theological faith and divine truth – and we believe that both are equally vital to aid in the development of our students' minds and souls. GST students are courageous enough to pursue rigorous academic training complemented by a solid faith formation. Students choose to come to GST because they can pursue intellectual study and spiritual formation with goals toward Catholic mission, service, and evangelization.

Blessed John Paul II called for a renewal of Catholic higher education, and GST takes his words seriously. In his encyclical *Ex corde Ecclesiae*, he wrote, “A Catholic University pursues its objectives through its formation of an authentic human community animated by the spirit of Christ (21).” At GST, Jesus Christ is both the Teacher of the Faith and the Truth that is taught. He is the source of the true perfection and happiness that our students seek in their studies and plans for the apostolate.

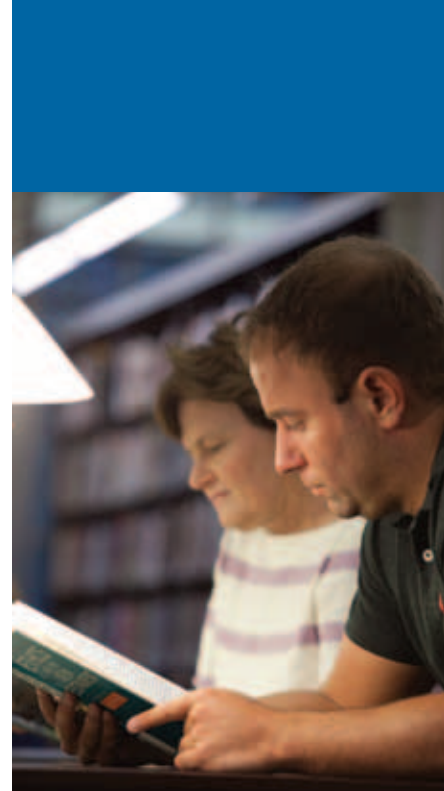
I hope you will consider whether God is calling you to begin your new adventure in this notably Catholic city, which is distinguished by two area Saints (Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel), a nationally-recognized and distinguished Seminary (Saint Charles Borromeo), and a great Archbishop (Archbishop Chaput). GST is a truly blessed place to be. In all of your discernment, I hope you will trust in the Lord, and always be encouraged by His words: “*For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare... to give you a future and a hope*” (Jeremiah 29:11). He really does have a plan for your life! We hope you will consider whether it is at GST.

Calling on the help of the Holy Spirit, GST continues to serve the Church as a prominent Catholic program of theology with international impact and recognition. I would like to personally extend an invitation for you to explore your future at GST. The Lord bless you and give you His wisdom and love as you seek His will.

In Jesus & Mary,



Dr. Kelly Bowring, S.T. D.
Academic Dean





“The object of theology is the Truth which is the living God and His plan for salvation revealed in Jesus Christ.”

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith • *Instruction on the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian #8*

Introduction to Theology at GST

Sacred theology is faith seeking understanding. Its proper task is two-fold: first, to further develop and more effectively communicate the meaning of the Word of God in divine Revelation as transmitted through inspired Sacred Scripture and handed on by the living Apostolic Tradition of the Church, in communion with the Church's infallible Magisterium; and second, to investigate the ways in which sacred theology can shed light on specific questions raised by contemporary culture (cf. JPII, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* 29; cf. also *FR* 93).

Sacred theology ensures a true liberty of scientific inquiry while utilizing reason illumined by theological faith (cf. Vat II, *GE* 10). As St. Augustine declared, *"I believe in order to understand, and I understand, the better to believe"* (CCC 158).

The study of the Faith should be both academically challenging and spiritually enriching, in what has been called a kneeling (contemplative prayer) and sitting (academic study) theology. Each student is thus encouraged to personally *"enter into Christ... in order to find himself"* so as to acquire *"the mind of Christ"* precisely through the study of theology. (Blessed John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man* 10, cf. Col 1:27; 1 Cor 2:15-16)

Sacred theology, as **the queen of the sciences**, studies the divine truths of sacred doctrine, that which is *"wisdom above all human wisdom"* (Aquinas, *ST* I, 1, 6), found in its fullness in Jesus Christ, from the pretext of faith. Thus, a core curriculum in sacred theology seeks to ensure a foundational mastery and a sound formation, based upon the following:

I. The seven foundation stones of the Faith (*General Directory of Catechesis* 130)

- The three stages of Salvation History – Old & New Testament and History of the Church
- The four pillars of the Catholic Faith – Creed, Sacraments, Morality, & Prayer

II. The treasury of the Church's wisdom

- Sacred Scriptures
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Rites of the Liturgy
- Code of Canon Law
- Documents of Church Councils
- Writings of the Popes
- Fathers, Doctors, & Saints
- Contemporary Theological Science



The New Evangelization

At GST, theology is taught within the framework of the Church's call for the New Evangelization. The New Evangelization entails both a renewal of emphasis on sacred doctrine and on a personal, profound meeting with the Savior, which together leads one to intimate communion with Him.

This is the hour of the New Evangelization for the Church, and this is the time in which the faithful are being called to respond with action, particularly in two ways: first, with a renewed and prolonged study of sacred doctrine and orthodox Church teaching; and second, with an emphasis on fostering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, being a faithful living witness, and having a commitment to evangelization.



Earn your
Master's
degree
in as little as
15 months
or in
4 summers!

Our Programs

GST offers three levels of Catholic study programs:

I. Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Sacred Theology

The internationally-recognized, fully-accredited Master of Arts (MA) degree in Sacred Theology is rooted in a thorough study of Systematic Theology while also providing courses within the various fields of theological inquiry, including Biblical, Historical, Doctrinal, Sacramental, Moral, Spiritual, Patristic, and Mariological studies.

II. Undergraduate Vatican Diploma in Theology

Answering the Church's call to establish international "*institutes for training in pastoral catechetics*" (GDC 251), GST established the Vatican-endorsed Catechetical Certification to assist the Church in her evangelical mission of handing on the Good News of the truth and love of Jesus Christ and His Church. This college-level theology program at GST prepares students for teaching, service, and administration in the Church. This catechetical program is fully accredited by the *Vatican Congregation for the Clergy* and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and is thus recognized by all the dioceses in the United States.

This program offers a theological core in the foundation stones of the Faith (OT, NT, Church History, Creed, Sacraments, Morality, Prayer) and a practicum to help students gain experience in ministry. It also offers students an opportunity to study a particular specialization in preparation for service to the Church, including in **religious education** (for directors of religious education or teachers of Catholic formation in Catholic schools), **liturgical studies** (for those who serve on liturgical planning teams), **Christian initiation** (R.C.I.A.), and **youth ministry**. Students may also earn a certificate of specialization in **Ministry to Black Catholics** (MBC) – to prepare them for ministry and pastoral leadership to Black Catholic communities.

III. Catechetical and Church Ministry Institutes

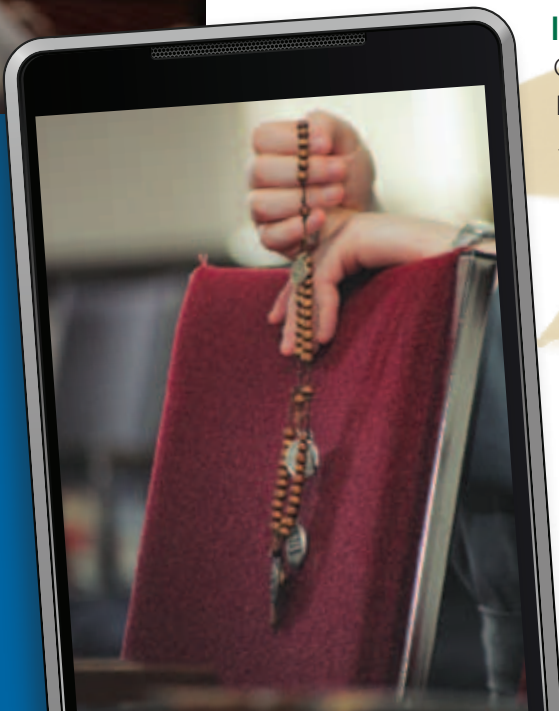
GST has two institutes, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in catechesis and Church ministry that are rooted in *Sacred Scriptures* and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Catechetical Institute

The Catechetical Institute is the official Archdiocesan-sponsored catechist certification program and is suited for parish catechists and elementary Catholic school teachers. It is also provided for those who simply want to grow in their faith.

Church Ministry Institute

The Church Ministry Institute is a three-year program of study set in a small-faith community environment that includes prayer, faith sharing, retreat days, theological reflection, ministry projects, book sharing, and pastoral skills formation.



GST Summer Program – Graduate and Undergraduate

GST offers a 6-week summer program (usually the end of June through July), that is **open to all lay and religious students**. Students may continue their studies from the fall/spring semesters through the summer or they may enroll in the summer only program.

Summer Graduate Program in Theology for Religious

Integrating theological studies into the daily rhythm of Religious life serves to enhance and broaden the academic experience and spiritual renewal of our Religious students. It also gives full meaning and coherence to one's vocation and propels the student to deeper love of Christ and the Church. Our summer program for Religious forms each student both intellectually and spiritually, and includes recreational opportunities and optional outing and pilgrimage events. It is **open to religious, consecrated, and priests**. Students may take the courses toward a master's degree or audit courses for personal enrichment.

In addition, our campus provides the necessary spiritual environment to allow the Religious to faithfully meet the obligations of their vows and daily prayer life, including the Liturgy of the Hours, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and daily Mass. Our beautiful campus and facilities make the transition from the home community to study at GST seamless.

The Religious who stay on campus are housed on a private residence hall floor where each student has their own room and bath. Meals are provided daily. There is a common room on the floor and many other common areas in the residence hall such as a TV room, a lounge, a kitchen, and a reading room. The Religious communities are welcome to organize their own schedule within the framework of the spiritual program and meals offered by GST.



GST offers courses 3 semesters per year:
Fall, Spring, Summer, and Online Courses as well.

Go to StudyCatholicTheology.com to find out more.



Student Housing

Off-Campus Housing – Fall & Spring

If students need assistance with housing arrangements within walking distance to the GST campus, please contact our office.

Student On-Campus Housing & Meal Plan – Summer Only

All summer students (lay and religious) are invited to live on campus in a private residence hall room where each student has his/her own room and bath. Full catered meals are provided daily as well. The campus is quiet and peaceful, and is monitored by a twenty-four hour security staff. Resident priests also provide assistance in the summer GST program.



“GST provides an opportunity for students to grow in their knowledge of Christ, the one who calls us into a loving relationship, and experience a rich and rewarding program that is both informative and spiritually rewarding.”

Fr. Patrick Brady
Chair of Department of Sacred Scripture

Our Faculty

Outstanding & dedicated professors will guide your classroom experiences with dynamic presentations of biblical and doctrinal teaching, open inquiry, and living faith. We want you to succeed in ministry and evangelization, and have created a climate in which you can search for the truth, engage in open dialogue, and apply what you are learning to real ministry experiences, while enriching your faith and embracing a rigorous theological education. Our approach to theology is founded on faith and reason (*fides et ratio*) in the pursuit of religious truth and ministry training. Our low student-to-faculty ratio guarantees intimate classes that encourage individual interaction, personal growth, and adequate professional training.

GST's professors are committed to living an authentic witness of the Faith and to teaching with strong academic rigor. All professors who teach college - and master's - level theology have made the Oath of Fidelity before the Archbishop and have received the *mandatum* to teach theology within the living faith of the Catholic Church. Most of the faculty have received their doctorates in theology and have several years of teaching experience. Exceptional and qualified professors, not teaching assistants, teach all GST classes. Our faculty are renowned scholars, authors, presenters and most important, they are excellent teachers.

Faculty distinctions include:


- Doctoral degrees from eminent Catholic institutions
- Academic leaders
- Who's Who Among America's Teachers
- Membership in Catholic and Theological organizations such as the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars
- National, Community, and Archdiocesan leaders
- Published authors
- International speakers



"I am privileged to be a part of GST at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. GST provides a high quality theological education in the rich tradition of Catholic thought and life, led by excellently-trained professors, and set in a perfect atmosphere to train new educators to go out and bear fruit in the New Evangelization."

Peter J. Colosi, PhD
Assistant Professor of Moral Theology
www.peterjcolosi.com





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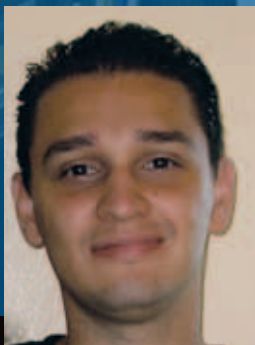
GST: the usual + purpose, enthusiasm

Me: how do I know if this is for me?

GST: U need to pray, seek the Lord and His plan for u, and then apply

Me: done deal!
This looks GR8! 😊

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“GST is an ideal place for the study of theology. There is a real sense of fellowship among the students, which contributes to a warm and supportive classroom environment. The graduate program has exceeded my expectations and I will truly miss GST once my studies are complete!”

Jose Quintana

Admission

Institute and Undergraduate Admission Requirements

Requirement: A high school diploma or its equivalent

Graduate Admission Requirements

Requirements:

- 1) An undergraduate degree with a minimum cumulative B average from an accredited college or university.
- 2) A minimum of eighteen undergraduate credits in Theology and/or Philosophy, with a minimum B average (these pre-requisites can be obtained through GST's undergraduate program).

Course Auditing

Persons interested in taking a class for continuing education or simply due to interest in certain topics of the Faith may audit a course for 1/3 tuition cost. Certain restrictions apply.

Financial Aid

GST offers both achievement-based and need-based forms of financial aid. Achievement-based awards come in the form of fellowships and scholarships. Need-based aid includes government grants, student loans, and student-initiated opportunities for local employment.

The GST Fellowship Program

Fellowships are a limited financial aid program offered to students who identify ways to utilize their strengths and talents to enhance the life of the community during their time at GST. In this program, students are granted financial assistance for their contribution to GST's programs, activities, and overall environment. Students in this program are evaluated annually for renewal consideration.

Fellowship Categories

- Apostolic Works – to help organize activities that assist the spiritual life of students
- Leadership – to help lead student initiatives that foster community
- Service – to help implement projects of service to the student and local community



You can find detailed Admission and Financial Aid information at: www.StudyCatholicTheology.com



"I graduated from GST with a deeper love for Christ and His Church, and with a passion to share that love in a more profound way."

Heather Maigur, GST class of '08



“Being enrolled in this Graduate Program has helped me to increase my love for Christ and his Church because of the solid teaching and spiritual nourishment it has provided me. The professors are impeccable and the program is incredibly stimulating and authentically Catholic.”

Drew Zagursky

In the Footsteps of the Saints

The Philadelphia area is rich with the legacy of two canonized saints. [Saint Katharine Drexel](#) was born and raised in Philadelphia. As a Catholic sister, she devoted her life to educating those whom others had neglected – specifically, African Americans and Native Americans. [St. John Neumann](#) was the Bishop of Philadelphia and of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, which now includes GST. He notably spread Eucharistic devotion, and in his six years as bishop the number of Catholic schools grew from two to 400. Both saints are buried in the Philadelphia area.

Since its founding in 1969, **GST has granted master's degrees in Sacred Theology to over 1050 students**, most of whom now serve the Church walking in the footsteps of the Apostles. Our students also walk in the footsteps of some prominent Catholic leaders and a few Saints who have been associated with our institution over the years. [Blessed John Paul II](#) and [Blessed Mother Teresa](#) have visited GST's campus and students. [Cardinal Ratzinger](#) also visited GST, and recently, now as [Pope Benedict XVI](#), he declared to Philadelphia's Archbishop: "You have a good Seminary." GST is privileged to be part of the distinguished St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and part of such a rich heritage.



"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!"

Romans 10:15

The GST program of studies has also had various noted Commencement Speakers including:

[George Weigel](#)

[Janet Smith](#)

[Cardinal Krol](#)

[Cardinal Pio Laghi](#)

[Helen Alvare](#)

(National Pro-Life Advocate)

[Mother Angelica of EWTN](#)

[Father David O'Connell](#)

(past President of Catholic University, now a Bishop)

[Carl Anderson](#)

(supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus)

[Cardinal Avery Dulles](#)

[Blessed Teresa of Calcutta](#)

"The Great Adventure begins!"

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia



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GTS: Faith + Academics go together

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or to apply for admission



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GST enjoys official sponsorship from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and is overseen by Archbishop Charles Chaput, who it consults regularly regarding the orthodoxy of the Catholic doctrine taught at the institution.

GST fully embraces and is in complete conformity with the Apostolic Constitution *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and the papal encyclical on theology, *Fides et Ratio*.



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“The New Evangelization needs ‘new evangelizers’ to reawaken enthusiasm and to renew the missionary spirit of the Church today.”

Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella

President of the (recently established) Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization

Do Something Courageous. Apply Today

**Want to learn more about GST?
COME AND SEE!**

Schedule a campus walking tour and meet our staff and current students. At GST, you are always welcome. Please contact us to begin planning your personal visit today.

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Contact the Office of Admission:

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Email: **GSTadmissions@scs.edu**



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www.StudyCatholicTheology.com

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“A Catholic university is without a doubt one of the best instruments that the Church offers to our age... for the work of the New Evangelization.”

Blessed John Paul II



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