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"The real problem at this moment of our history is that God is disappearing from the human horizon, and, with the dimming of the light which comes from God, humanity is losing its bearings, with increasingly evident destructive effect. Leading men and women to God, to the God who speaks in the Bible: this is the supreme and fundamental priority of the Church." Pope Benedict XVI, March 10, 2009.

Joseph Ratzinger was a priest, a bishop, a cardinal and a Pope. He was also a brilliant intellectual and scholar who served as a "peritus" during the Second Vatican Council. He lived through the tragedy of the Second World War and the Cultural Revolutions of 1960's and the "aggiornamento" of the Post Vatican II era. In his writings, in his preaching, in the witness of his life dedicated to Christ, his overriding priority was to make God present in this world and to show men and women the way to God.

May the Jesus, the Good Shepherd, welcome him saying: " 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.... Come, share your master's joy.' "