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FINAL
CONCLAVE**
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For the deliberations of mortals are timid,
and unsure are our plans.

. . . who ever knew your counsel, except you had given
Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?

And thus were the paths of those on earth made
straight

Wisdom 9:14, 17-18

Author's Note

The heart of this book, beginning on page 125, is the description of Conclave 82. The participants are fictional. But in every other respect it is a scenario based upon the factual material preceding it and upon all available accurate knowledge of the issues and factions at work in the choice of Pope Paul's successor.