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This letter invites comparison to Dante's letter to the Italian cardinals upon the death of Clement V, and the impending papal conclave. Dante, patriot like Catherine, "appealed to the cardinals on behalf of Rome and of Italy: his plea, that they put an end to the Babylonian Captivity in Avignon and return to the Seat of Peter." (Scudder)

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