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In a sense, the history of Catholic-Jewish relations from the 1940's to the present can be likened to the progress of the protagonist of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, beginning with the inferno of the *Shoah*—the attempt by baptized Christians to eradicate the Jewish People, the People of God, the People of Jesus of Nazareth. With *Nostra aetate* the Catholic Church began its quest for a new understanding of its Sacred Scriptures and the Jewish people who wrote them. With so much evil in the history of Christian mistreatment of Jews and denigration of Judaism over the centuries, we have moved into Purgatorio, a period of intense reflection on our sinful past, of repentance, and of turning anew toward God's People, the Jews. Jesus, we believe today, was not accidentally Jewish. His Jewishness is part of the divine plan for humanity. So, to understand Christianity we Catholics have to understand Judaism and learn from Jews—through dialogue rather than

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