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Text of Cardinal Kasper's remarks:

[www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/research/cjl/articles/Kasper\\_NA37.htm](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/research/cjl/articles/Kasper_NA37.htm)

Cardinal Kasper's address in Boston: [www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/research/cjl/articles/Kasper\\_6Nov02.htm](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/research/cjl/articles/Kasper_6Nov02.htm)