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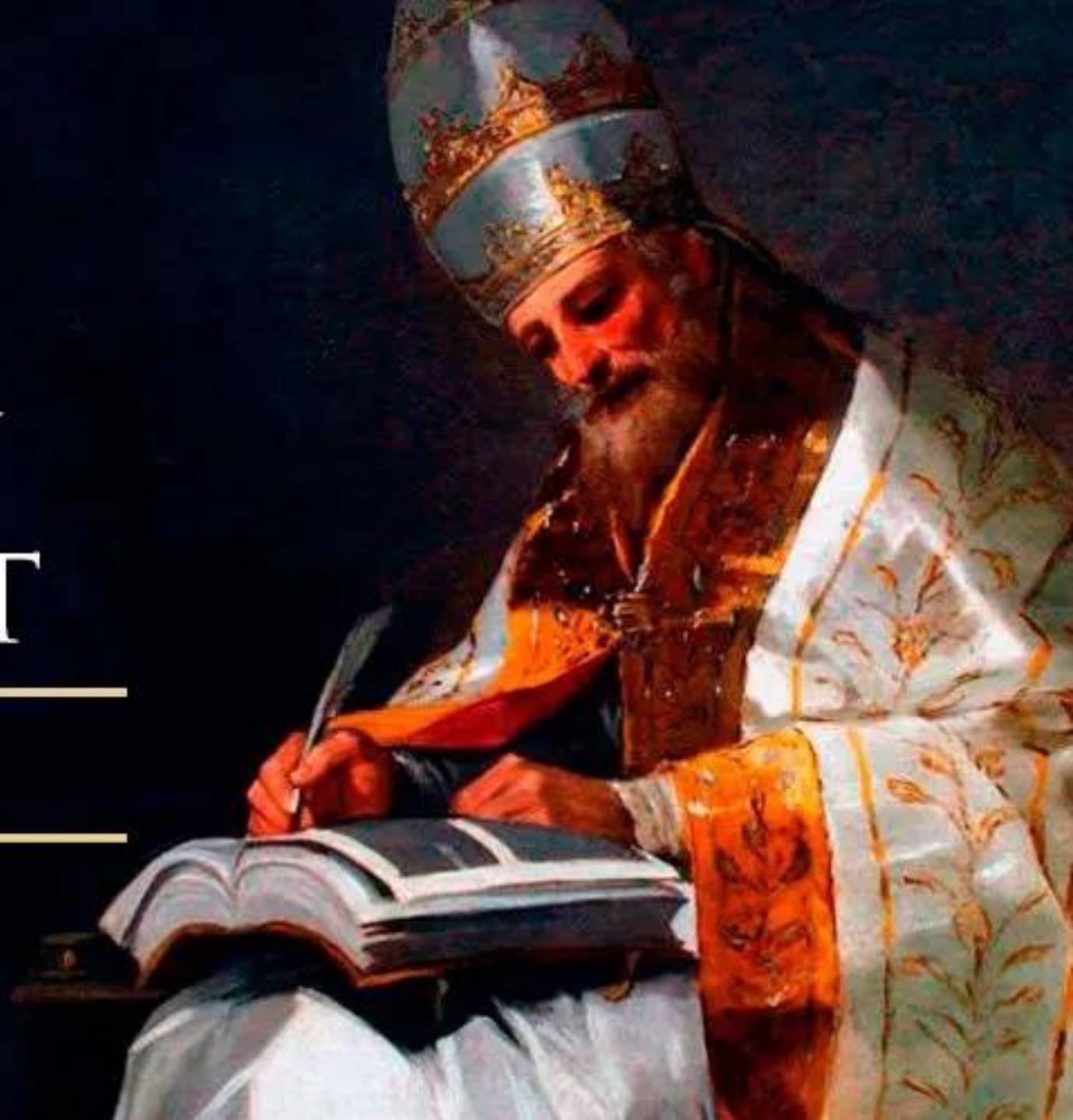

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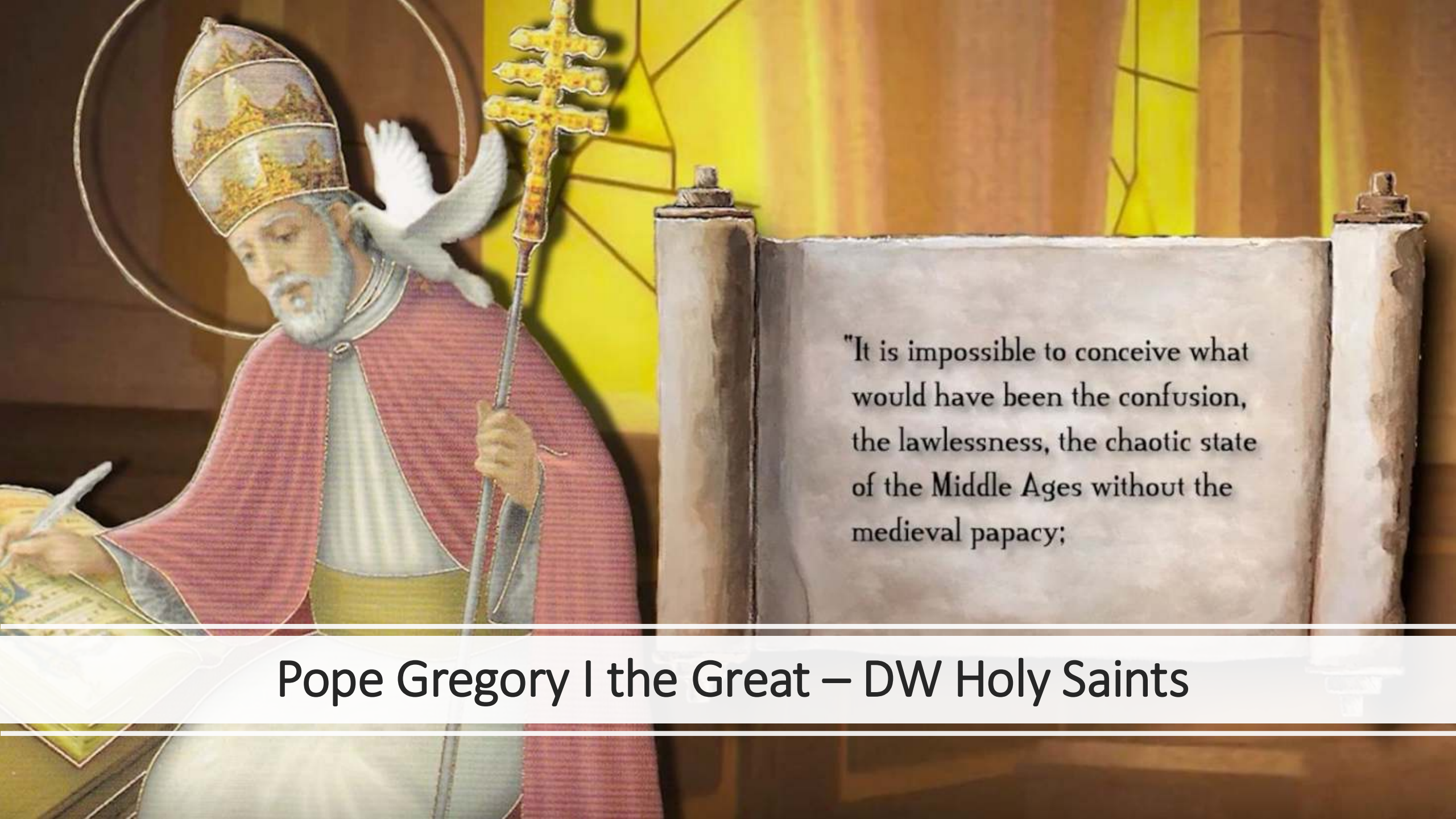

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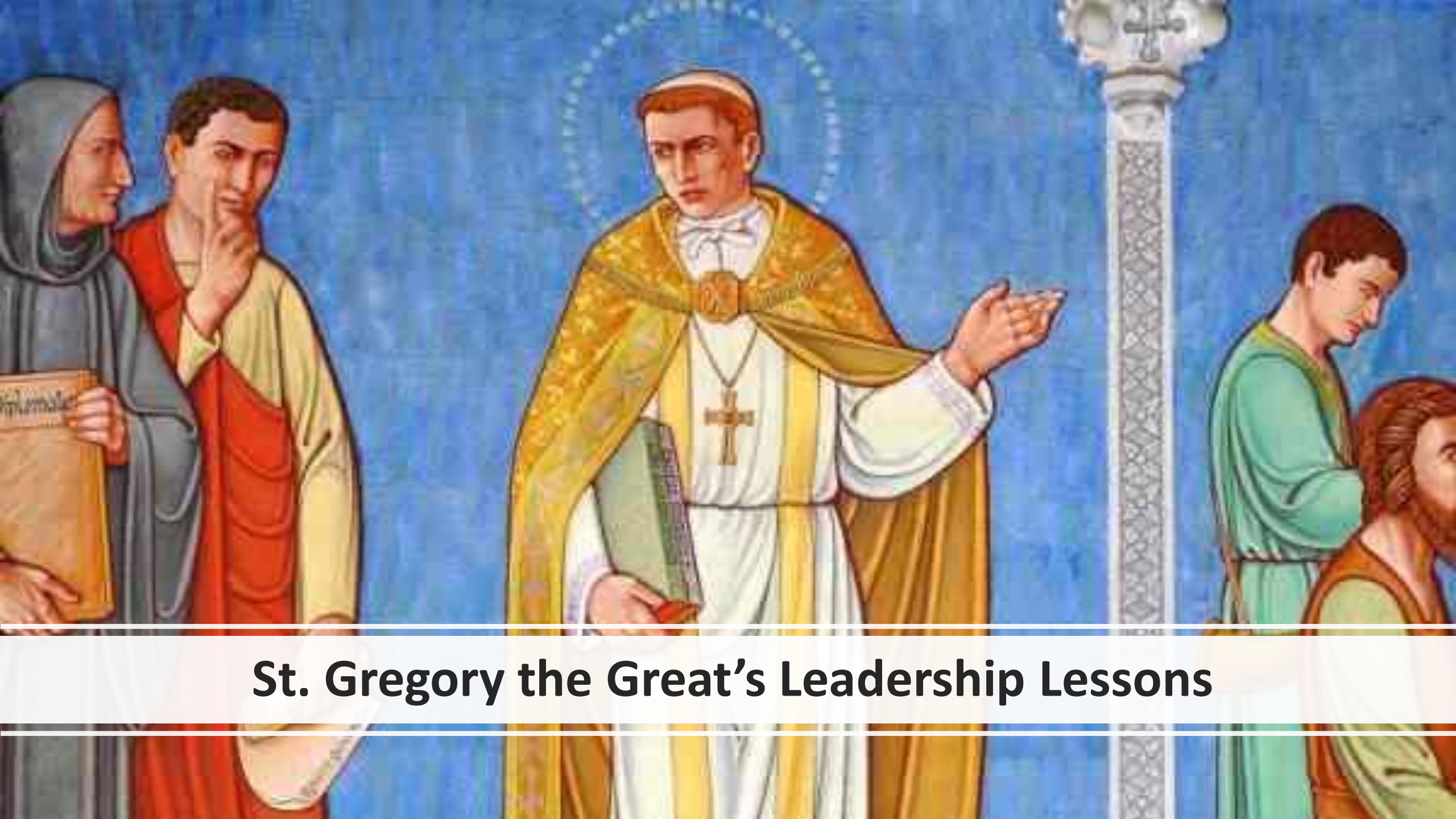

St. Gregory the Great's Leadership Lessons

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT - Novena Day 1 –

- **The Child Jesus in England**
- In 1848, an English Catholic lady from Leeds (England, Yorkshire), of very modest circumstances, went to her usual parish: the time for Sunday mass was approaching. Arrived on the forecourt of the church, she is accosted by an elderly woman she does not know, of the Methodist faith.
- After a moment of discussion around religion, the faithful Catholic invites the stranger to enter the church and participate in the ceremony. The latter accepts with a good heart, adding that she has never set foot in a “Roman” place of worship.
- After mass, the Methodist calls out to her new friend: “What a charming child there was on the priest's table tonight! - A child? But there was no child on the altar, the Catholic replied. - Oh! There was! There was one. Didn't you see, when the gentleman [the priest] who wore something shiny on his shoulders came up and opened the door of the little sideboard [the tabernacle], a charming child came out and he smiled at me ; I said to him: 'Oh! Sweet and lovable little boy, your mother can be proud of you with good reason!’ Then a boy rang a bell and everyone lowered their heads; but I did not lower mine and I remained to look at this beautiful child. The gentleman who was standing near the table went to put the child back in the small sideboard, so I said to myself: 'What a shame to put the child in this sideboard, he will certainly suffocate there.' I was even angry and I almost ran to prevent this gentleman from doing this!”
- Stunned by this story, the Catholic lady suggests that she meet a priest from her parish. “Yes, I accept all the more willingly because the smile of the child I have just told you about seduced my heart!”
- A few minutes later, the two women meet Father Cooke. He is told the story of the incredible appearance of the "child". The priest immediately understands that the Methodist had just seen and contemplated the Child Jesus.
- This woman converted to Catholicism and, despite pressure from her family, died six months later in an edifying way in the faith of Saint Peter.
- *Source: Jean-Marie Mathiot, Eucharistic Signs and Wonders. From the beginning of Christianity to the present day, 3rd ed., Hauteville, Le Parvis, 2018, according to p. 249-250.*