



The Western Schism of 1378: The History and Legacy of the Papal Schism That Split the Catholic Church (Paperback)

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