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Documents

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- ☞ letter of application
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- ☞ if at all possible, also two
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Bartolomé de las Casas

(1484-1566) ☞ Dominican friar
and bishop, called »an honour
for humankind« by the Chilean
Nobel Prize Winner for Litera-
ture, Gabriela Mistral, treated in
several treatises, exposés and
letters the social-ethical ques-
tions which arose as the result of
the first globalization in the
slipstream of European expan-
sion ☞ In these writings, in which
one notices Christian compas-
sion in the face of humanity's
story of suffering, he defended
peaceful evangelization, the
unity of the human family, the
rights of the Indian peoples, as
well as the dignity and logic of
their religions and cultures ☞
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the tradition of this legacy.