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**Abstract** The first principle reminds one about the main goal of the Church, whose mission may not be limited to earthly duties. The second one deals with the proper autonomy that is due to the earthly reality, and that is not tantamount to the independence of the Creator. The third principle - the one of dialogue - can be considered, on the one hand, a sign of the Church's being open to the world, and on the other, its basic relation with the world. And finally, the fourth principle points to the good of man, who should always be the main value in the development of the world.