Lanfranc (c. 1010 – 1089) Theologian and Archbishop.

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Lanfranc was born in Pavia, Italy. He was a student of Berengar of Tours and became a Benedictine monk at the Abbey of Bec in 1042. Under his guidance, Bec became one of the most famous schools of Europe and Lanfranc was the teacher, among others, of Anselm of Canterbury. In 1063 he moved to Caen and then, in 1070, he was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury. Among his theological writings was De Corpore et Sanguine Domini, an important treatise on the Eucharist. He is chiefly remembered, however, as a superb administrator. He was a trusted advisor of both King William I and King William II of England; he rebuilt Canterbury Cathedral and began the Cathedral library and he established the priority of the Archdiocese of Canterbury over that of York.

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