

Vatican II - Remembering the Future

Ecumenical, Interfaith and Secular Perspectives on the Council's Impact and Promise



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Welcome to this gathering to explore the Second Vatican Council's impact, enduring legacy and promise!

We have a wonderful group of people assembled from around the globe and from so many different contexts, traditions and backgrounds. We hope you will thoroughly enjoy the warmth of Georgetown, of Arlington, the beauty of the National Cathedral and above all else being part of a very special assembly of people. Guests and participants are warmly invited and encouraged not simply to speak about dialogue here but genuinely to engage one another in dialogue both during and beyond the gathering itself.

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We hope that you will carry with you many long-lasting memories of your encounters in dialogue here – bringing them far and wide and long into the future.

'Charity is the key to everything. It sets all to rights. There is nothing which charity cannot achieve and renew. Charity "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things". (1 Cor. 13:7) Who is there among us who does not realize this? And since we realize it, is not this the time to put it into practice?'

Paul VI, Ecclesiam Suam (6th August 1964) §56. 'Respect and love ought to be extended also to those who think or act differently than we do in social, political and even religious matters. In fact, the more deeply we come to understand their ways of thinking through such courtesy and love, the more easily will we be able to enter into dialogue with them'.

Gaudium et Spes (7th Dec. 1965) §28

And they act as if they have nothing to learn from history, which is the teacher of life, and as if at the time of past Councils everything went favorably and correctly with respect to Christian doctrine, morality, and the Church's proper freedom. We believe We must quite disagree with these prophets of doom who are always forecasting disaster, as if the end of the world were at hand.

John XXIII, Vatican II Opening Address (11th Oct., 1962)





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12.30-14.00	ARRIVALS - Collect Registration Packs	
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18.00-19.15 Presidents' Room	CONCURRENT SESSION 7: VATICAN II, ISLAM AND CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY Chair: Nicolas Mumejian Revisiting Nostra Aetate and Gaudium et Spes: The Second Half of a Century's Hope for Catholic- Muslim Relations Jason Renken Training Muslim Religious Leaders: A Way to Plan Our Future, Understanding Our Past Davide Tacchini Vatican II, Islamic Political Thought, and 'the Human Good': How Aristotle Mediates between Two Global Faiths Richard Park	
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	Linda Woodhead		
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	Drafting Doctrine from the Margins: Theologians and Episcopate at the Council. The Chilean Case Sandra Arenas		
	Pope Francis and Vatican II on the Recontextualization of Doctrine Richard Gaillardetz		
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	Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Heaven's Permissive Environment on Earth: What Does Vatican II Have to Do with the Protestant		
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B. ASIA'S IMPACT UPON VATICAN II – AND VICE VERSA Chair: Randy Odchigue			
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	Mary as Type and Model of Church (Lumen Gentium) in Asia		
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	Jonathan Tan Socialism and Christianity Today: Possibilities and Lessons for "Third World" countries. Mokesh Morar		

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	Rahner's Kindred: The Legacy of Finitude in Comparative Theology Taraneh Wilkinson			
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	CONCURRENT SESSION 14: CHURCH-WORLD/SOCIAL QUESTIONS/GAUDIUM ET SPES			
	Chair: Patricia Madigan OP Catholicity and Resilience: Subsidiarity, Risk, and the Vision of Gaudium et spes			
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Presidents' Room	Possibilities Cristina Gomez			
	The Role of Episcopal Conferences of the Global South in Applying Catholic Social Teaching in Theory and Praxis			
	Terence McGoldrick Economic Activity in <i>Gaudium et Spes</i> : Opening to the World or Theological Vocation? Matthew Shadle			
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	Jayne Wilcox A New Hope? Synodality and the Hopes for the Synod of Bishops in light of Apostolica Sollicitudo and			
	the Synod on the Family JK Melton			
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	Opening to the World: A Feminist Reformed Posture of Openness Mary McClintock Fulkerson			
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	The Christians in India Opening to Their World Michael Amaladoss SJ			

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19.45-20.00	Spiritual Plenary and Commemoration of Beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero		
20.00 HFSC	Celebrating Cardinal Walter Kasper Reception and Buffet dinner Sponsored by Paulist Press and The Church and World Program at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs		
23.00	Conversation and Bar		
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9.00-10.30 Washington National Cathedral	WELCOME - from the Dean of the National Cathedral Dean Gary Hall PLENARY SESSION 6 Chair: Peter De Mey Vatican II and Baptism: The Gift that Keeps on Giving Dean Gary Hall What is so Catholic about the Catholic Marriage Vows? An Ecumenical Perspective on the Vatican II S.C.D.F. Matrimonii Sacramentum's Mixed-Marriage Fulata Mbano-Moyo The Role of Orthodox Observers at the Second Vatican Council Radu Bordeianu Vatican II - A Move in the Attitude of the Roman Catholic Church towards the Reformation Churches? – A Protestant Perspective Dagmar Heller		
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11.00-11.45 Washington National Cathedral	PLENARY SESSION 7 Chair: Gerard Mannion Keynote Address: 'Toward Multifaceted Communion: Reflections for the Ecumenical Future' Cardinal Walter Kasper		
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12.30	Spiritual Plenary: Guided Tour of National Cathedral in Groups		
13.15	Collect Boxed Lunch		
13.30	Depart for Marymount University		
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14.30-16.00 Rowley Hall G209	A. STUMBLING BLOCKS FOR ECUMENISM: HARD SAYINGS LEFT BEHIND BY VATICAN II Chair: Brian Doyle Triumphalistic Temptations and the Sinfulness of the Church Bradford Hinze Roman Catholic recognition of ecclesiality outside its boundaries. What does it mean? Sandra Arenas More than an Issue of Translation: the 'defectus ordinis' in Unitatis Redintegratio 22 Peter DeMey Respondent: Miriam Haar		

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14.30-16.00 Caruthers Hall 1021	C. COUNCIL, CULTURE AND AESTHETICS: ART, MUSIC, FILM Chair: Aaron Hollander Making the Spiritual World Accessible: Paul VI and the Artists at the Close of Vatican II Susie Paulik Babka The 'Thesaurus Musicae sacrae': Treasure of Inestimable Value or Forgotten Store? Christopher McElroy A New Take: Hollywood's Fascination with Vatican II Paul Monson	
14.30-16.00 Reinsch Library Auditorium	D. WHAT MADE VATICAN II? SOME NEGLECTED PERSPECTIVES Chair & Respondent: Massimo Faggioli A Nineteenth-Century Kindred Spirit of the Council? - Ignaz von Doellinger as a Thinker before his Time Thomas Albert Howard Pope Benedict XV (1914-1922): A Most Unexpected Architect of Vatican II Agnes de Dreuzy Between Aggiornamento and Return to the Fathers - The Opening Address of Vatican II Vladimir Latinovic Momen during and after Vatican II Patricia Madigan OP	
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19.00-20.30 Gerard Dining Hall	Buffet Dinner	
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Day 4: Sunday May 24th – Religion – Opening to Other Faiths			
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9.00 Dahlgren Chapel	Sunday Mass – President: Cardinal Walter Kasper with Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald and Archbishop Felix Machado co-presiding		
10.00-10.20	Coffee		
10.30am-12.30 Gaston Hall	PLENARY SESSION 9 Chair: John Borelli Vatican II: Turning Point in Catholic-Muslim Relations Abdulaziz Sachedina Nostra Aetate. Dialogue and Dialogues Michael Fitzgerald Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Nostra Aetate Susannah Heschel Acknowledging Some Perspectives of Vatican II: Interreligious Dialogue and Research for Peace and Social Justice Sandra Mazzolini Ecclesial Spirituality and Other Faith Traditions Roger Haight S.J.		
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14.00-15.30 Healy Hall 103	B. VATICAN II AND MONASTIC INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE Chair: Rico Monge The Origins, Activities, and Particular Approach of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue William Skudlarek OSB Monastic Interreligious Dialogue Rev. Vivian Gruenenfelder Theological Issues Raised by the Dialogue of Religious Experience and Practice Abbot James Wiseman OSB		
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17.45-18.00	Brief Break	
18.00-18.20 Gaston Hall	FINAL PLENARY (11) Closing of Gathering - Gerard Mannion and Mark Chapman	
18.20-18.45	SPIRITUAL PLENARY	
19.15 HSFC	Closing Celebratory Dinner and Social Event	
	Pre-dinner Oration & Toast from John O'Malley After Dinner Toasts and Speeches from Linda Woodhead and Mark Chapman	

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