

Suggested Reading on The Second Vatican Council

The Council Documents

Vatican Council II: The Conciliar and post-conciliar Documents: Austin Flannery O.P. (General ed.) England, Fowler Wright Books, 1975.

Its four major Constitutions, published individually by the CTS, with introductory notes:

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| <i>Sacrosanctum Concilium</i> | The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy; |
| <i>Dei Verbum</i> | The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation; |
| <i>Lumen Gentium</i> | The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church; |
| <i>Gaudium et Spes</i> | The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World |

The Council's Background, Purpose and Legacy

Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering (eds.): *Vatican II: Renewal Within Tradition*, Oxford University Press, 2008.

Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering (eds.): *The Reception of Vatican II*, Oxford University Press, 2017.

Jacques Maritain: *The Peasant of the Garonne: An Old Layman Questions Himself About the Present Time*, Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 1966/2013.

Aidan Nichols: *Conciliar Octet: A Concise Commentary on the Eight Key Texts of the Second Vatican Council*, San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2019 esp. Chapter 1.

John W. O'Malley: *What Happened at Vatican II*, Harvard University Press, 2010 esp. pp.1-126, 290-313, 317-19.

George Weigel: *To Sanctify the World: The Vital Legacy of Vatican II*, Basic Books, 2022 esp. Chapters 1-9; 17-22.

Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II: *Sources of Renewal: The Implementation of the Second Vatican Council*, Collins Paperback, 1980.

Dei Verbum - On Divine Revelation

Catechism of the Catholic Church Part One: The Profession of Faith: Section One - I Believe/We Believe

Pontifical Biblical Commission: *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*, SCM Press, 1993.

Pontifical Biblical Commission: *The Inspiration and Truth of Sacred Scripture*, Liturgical Press, 2014.

Dean P. Bechard (ed.): *The Scripture Documents: An Anthology of Official Catholic Teachings*, Liturgical Press, 2002.

Pope Benedict XVI: *Verbum Domini – The Word of God: Post-Synodal Exhortation on the Word of God*, Catholic Truth Society, 2010.

Denis Farkasfalvy: 'Inspiration and Interpretation' in Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering (eds): *Vatican II: Renewal Within Tradition*, 2008, pp.77-100.

Francis Martin: 'Revelation and Its Transmission' in Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering (eds.): *Vatican II: Renewal Within Tradition*, 2008, pp.55-76.

Aidan Nichols: *Conciliar Octet: A Concise Commentary on the Eight Key Texts of the Second Vatican Council*, San Francisco, Ignatius Press 2019, Chapter 7.

John W. O'Malley: *What Happened at Vatican II*, Harvard University Press, 2010, esp. pp.124, 141-52, 162, 226-29, 277-82.

John Redford: *Treasures of Dei Verbum*, Alive Publishing, 2011.

George Weigel: 'The Word of God Breaks Through the Silence: The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation' in Weigel, *To Sanctify the World: The Vital Legacy of Vatican II*, 2022, pp.112-28.

William M. White IV: 'Dei Verbum' in Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering (eds.): *The Reception of Vatican II*, 2017, pp.81-11

Lumen Gentium - On the Church

Catechism of the Catholic Church Part One: The Profession of Faith; Section Two - The Creeds

Johan Auer: *The Church: The Universal Sacrament of Salvation*, Washington DC: Catholic University Press, 1993.

Louis Bouyer: *The Church of God: Body of Christ and Temple of the Holy Spirit*, Chicago, IL: Franciscan Herald Press, 1982.

Benoit-Dominique de la Soujeole: 'The Universal Call to Holiness' in Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering (eds.): *Vatican II: Renewal Within Tradition*, 2008, pp.37-54.

Avery Dulles: 'Nature, Mission and Structure of the Church' in Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering (eds.): *Vatican II: Renewal Within Tradition*, 2008, pp.25-36.

Pope Francis *Gaudete et Exsultate*/The Call to Holiness in Today's World, CTS 2018.

Miguel M. Garijo-Guembes: *The Communion of the Saints: Foundation, Nature and Structure of the Church*, Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1994.

Guy Mansini OSB: 'Lumen Gentium' in Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering (eds.): *The Reception of Vatican II*, 2017, pp.48-80.

Aidan Nichols: *Conciliar Octet: A Concise Commentary on the Eight Key Texts of the Second Vatican Council* San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2019, Chapters 3-6.

John W. O'Malley: *What Happened at Vatican II*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2010, esp. pp.152-59, 162-65, 173-89, 199-203, 206-11, 244-46.

Pope Paul VI: *Ecclesiam Suam/Paths of the Church 1964; Evangelii Nuntiandi/In Announcing the Gospel 1975*.

George Weigel: 'The Sacrament of Authentic Human Community: The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church' in Weigel, *To Sanctify the World: The Vital Legacy of Vatican II*, 2022, pp.129-146.

Spiritual Reading

Pope Benedict XVI: *Jesus of Nazareth* (A spiritually rich, in-depth reading of the Gospels in 3 parts: Part I 'From the Baptism to the Transfiguration'; Part II 'Holy Week'; Part III 'The Infancy Narratives'), Ignatius Press, 2007-2012.

Pope Francis: *Evangelii Gaudium*/The Joy of the Gospel, CTS 2013.

Scott Hahn: *Consuming the Word: The New Testament and the Eucharist in the Early Church*, Image NY, 2013.

Henri de Lubac (Trans. James R Dunne): *The Church: Paradox and Mystery*, Ecclesia Press, 1969.

Aidan Nichols: *The Singing-Master – Church Fathers from Greek East and Latin West*, Ignatius Press, 2022.

Pope Paul VI *Mysterium Fidei*/Mystery of Faith 1965; *Marialis Cultus*/To Honour Mary, 1967.

Brad Pitre: *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, Doubleday, 2011.

Edward Sri: *Rethinking Mary in the New Testament: What the Bible tells us about the Mother of the Messiah*, San Francisco Ignatius Press, 2018.

Oliver Trainor: *Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of the Redeemed*, Christian Classics, Four Courts Press, 1988.

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