

### **Second Vatican Council Documents**

#### **Constitutions**

- *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*
- *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*
- *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*
- *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*

#### **Decrees**

- *Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church*
- *Decree on Ministry and Life of Priests*
- *Decree on the Up-to-Date Renewal of Religious Life*
- *Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People*
- *Decree on the Training of Priests*
- *Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity*
- *Decree on Ecumenism*
- *Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches*
- *Decree on the Mass Media*

#### **Declarations**

- *Declaration on Christian Education*
- *Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions*
- *Declaration on Religious Liberty*

## Vatican II: An Introduction

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### **Opening Prayer at the II Vatican Council 1962**

**We stand before you, Holy Spirit,  
conscious of our sinfulness,  
but aware that we gather in your name.**

**Come to us, remain with us,  
and enlighten our hearts.  
Give us light and strength to know your will,  
to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.**

**Guide us by your wisdom,  
support us by your power,  
for you are God, sharing the  
glory of Father and Son.**

**You desire justice for all:  
enable us to uphold the rights of others;  
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance  
or corrupted by fear or favor.**

**Unite us to yourself in the bond of love  
and keep us faithful to all that is true.**

**As we gather in your name  
may we temper justice with love,  
so that all our decisions may be pleasing  
to you, and earn the reward promised to  
good and faithful servants.**

**You live and reign with the Father  
and the Son, One God, forever and ever.  
Amen.**