



Vatican II

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World War II led Church leaders to realise that the world faced a moral and spiritual vacuum. The Second Vatican Council was called by Pope John XXIII to open the doors and windows of the church he loved to the contemporary world. The Church would never be the same again.

- What was Vatican II?
- When did it occur?
- How long did it last?
- Who was involved?
- What reasons were given for calling this Council?
- The agenda covered a wide range of issues. Briefly list the main items discussed.
- What was the central document to come out of the Council?



Below are the documents which come out of the Second Vatican Council.

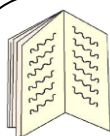
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| ❖ Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy | ❖ Decree on the Means of Social Communication |
| ❖ Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (<i>Lumen Gentium</i>) | ❖ Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches |
| ❖ Decree on Ecumenism | ❖ Decree on the Apostolate of Laypeople |
| ❖ Declaration on Christian Education | ❖ Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions |
| ❖ Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation | ❖ Declaration of Religious liberty |
| ❖ Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity | ❖ Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (<i>Gaudium et Spes</i>) |
| ❖ Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church | ❖ Decree on the Up-to-Date Renewal of Religious Life |
| ❖ Decree on the Training of Priests | ❖ Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests |

- Choose one of the above documents.
- Use three different sources (mediums) to complete the table. (For example: internet, books, documents, magazines, videos)
- Reference your sources.
- Use the following table below to compile the information gained.



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	Themes	Implications
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Imagine that you were a member of the council and one of your roles was to promote the outcomes of the above document to the people of Australia.

Using the information gained, create a pamphlet highlighting the changes and why these changes were necessary.