

8. THE CHURCH CONTINUES HER MISSION



VATICAN II

“What a treasure there is, dear brothers and sisters, in the guidelines offered to us by the Second Vatican Council.... a sure compass by which to take our bearings in the century now beginning.” -Saint Pope John Paul II



Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council

**Dei
Verbum**
Revelation

**Lumen
Gentium**
The Church

**Sacrosanctum
Concilium**
Liturgy

**Gaudium
et Spes**
The Modern
World

Positive Fruits of Vatican II

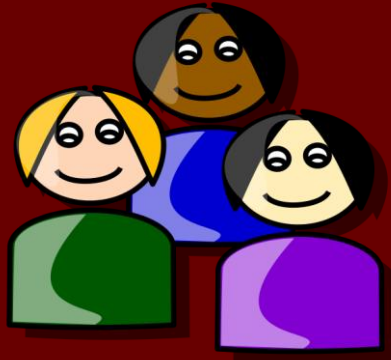
**Language is
Understandable**

**Lay
Apostolates**

**Lay people
have
leadership
roles**

**There is
more
dialogue
with others**

**Bible study
has grown**



Nostra Aetate

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Nostra Aetate pronounced, *no-struh-ah-taught-tay*. A Vatican II declaration on the relation of the Church to non-Christian religions. It affirmed many positive qualities of other religions.



Liturgy: The Call for active Participation

“All the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy”

-Sacrosanctum Concilium 14

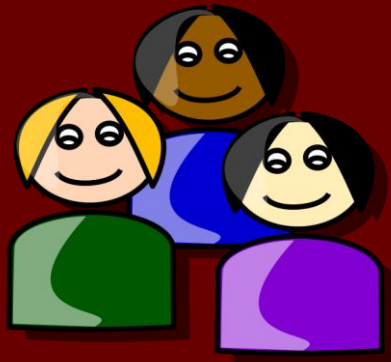
Struggles Since Vatican II

**Shortage
of Priests**

**Mass
attendance
has dropped**

**Lack of Solid
Catechesis**

**Need More
Evangelization**



**Rise of the
'Nones'**

Traditional Latin Mass



- Latin
- Organ Music
- Ad Orientum
- Gregorian Chant
- Kneeling for Communion

Turn and Talk

Which parts of the Mass that you have attended are the most meaningful to you?



Source and Summit

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Despite any outward differences in how the Mass is celebrated, the Eucharist is, according to *Lumen Gentium*, the “source and summit of the Christian life”.



Testimony of the Real Presence

**“My mind was blown. This is real.
What we’ve been doing at Mass.
When the priest says this is my
Body, this is my Blood, that bread
becomes the Body of Christ. The
wine becomes the Blood of Christ.
That changed everything.”**

-Fr. Mike Schmitz



The Universal Call to Holiness

“Everyone, whether belonging to the hierarchy or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: ‘For this is the will of God, your sanctification.’” -Lumen Gentium 39

Religious Life

- **Religious Counsels:**
Vows to live a life of poverty, chastity and obedience.
- **Service to the Church**
- **A Life of Prayer**
- **Conformity to Christ**





Scriptural Renewal

“The force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life.” -

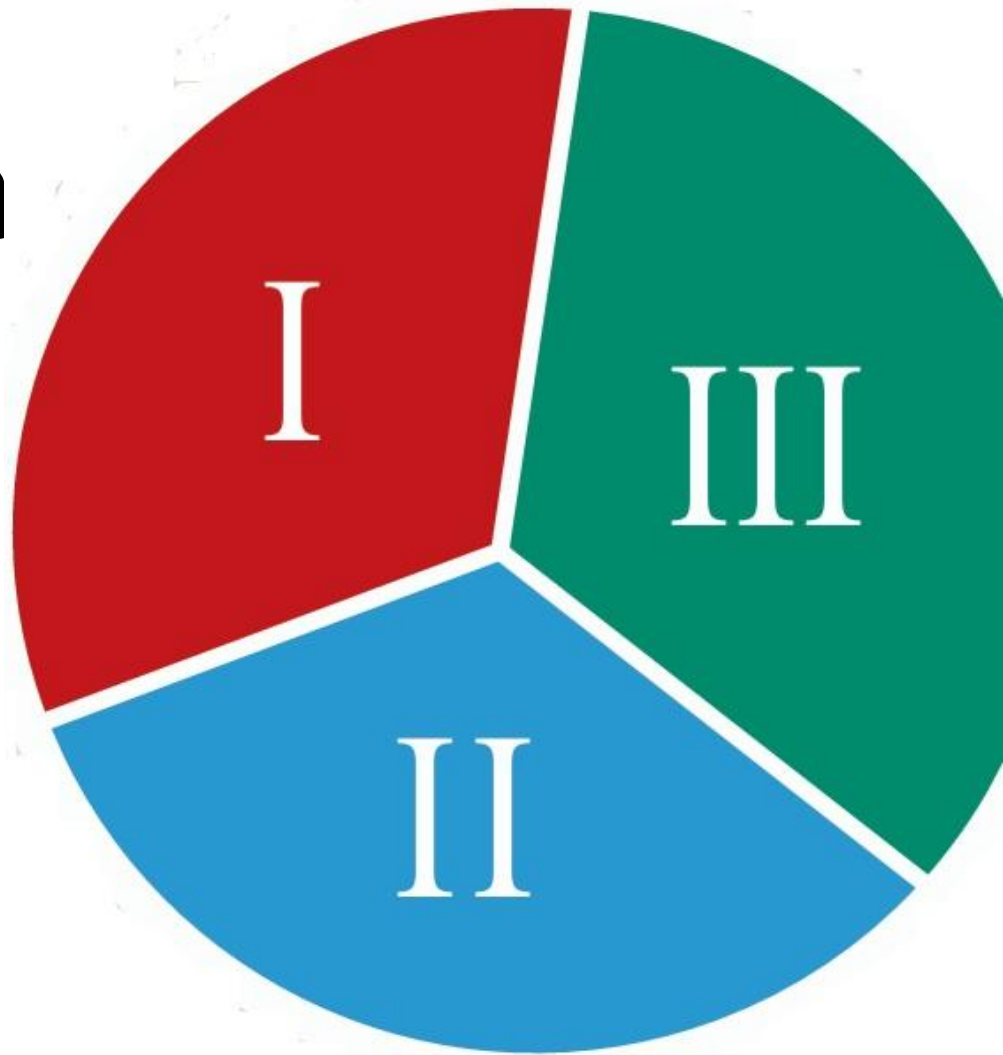
Dei Verbum 21

Lectio Divina

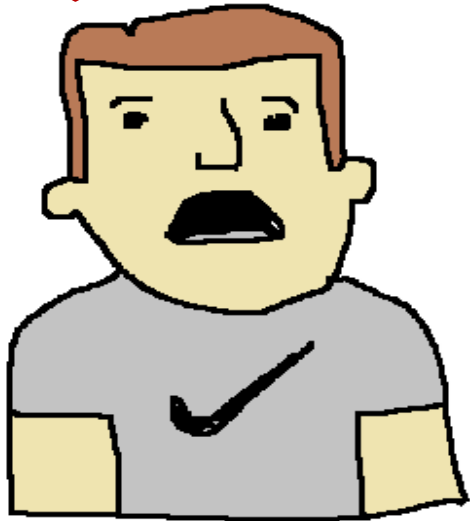
Reading

Meditation

Prayer



“Why does it feel like being serious about living my Catholic Faith is so counter-cultural?”



The United States and other modern nations have entered into an era that can be called *post-Christian*. A term often applied to Western cultures and nations that were historically Christian but now reject the authority of the Church in particular, and Christianity in general.

There are many who do not pray or attend church regularly, do not accept the teachings of the Church, or do not try to live according to Gospel morality. Some resent those who still do.

Memorize It

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Quote



**“Now we must help each
other get to heaven”**

**-Karl von Habsburg said upon marrying
Empress Zita**