

Catholic Church Changes

The progress of the western church goes hand in hand with the progress of modern human society.

The Catholic church has gone through many changes since 1517 when Martin Luther wrote his 95 theses against church indulgences that allowed those to buy away their sins and nailed it to the Castle church in Wittenberg; from the council of Trent that began in 1545; from reformations in Switzerland, France, Spain, and England; from its introduction to the east and the new land; from the first Vatican council; from the time Pope Pius XI and Mussolini agreed on the Lateran treaty which established Vatican City as a separate Papal state; and from the time of the 2nd Vatican council. Change is inevitable and that has been proven throughout history but the change or changes, of which came from the Second Vatican Council is what I will look at to prove a simple point. So...what was the second Vatican council?

The Second Vatican Council was the 21st ecumenical council recognized by the Roman Catholic church, which became the symbol of the church's openness to the modern world. The council was announced by Pope John XXII on January 25, 1959. 2540 bishops attended from all parts of the world. Even orthodox and protestant churches were allowed to send observers. Preparations for the council began in May 1959, when the world's Roman Catholic bishops, theological faculties, and universities were asked to make recommendations for the agenda. The agenda was extensive, and topics discussed included modern communications media, relations between Christians and Jews, religious freedom, the role of laity in the church, liturgical worship, contacts

with other Christians and with non-Christians, both theists and atheists, and the role and education of priests and bishops.

Other documents sought common ground in dealings with Orthodox and Protestant Christians and with those who are not Christians. In a rare departure from its deliberate policy of avoiding condemnations, the council deplored "all hatreds, persecutions, and displays of anti-Semitism leveled at any time or from any source against the Jews." American delegates played a significant role in shaping the council's declaration upholding the universal right of religious freedom, a document in which the thought of the American theologian John Courtney Murray figured prominently.

Pope John had launched the Second Vatican Council on a positive note, setting as its purposes the updating and renewal (*aggiornamento*) of the Roman Catholic church and achievement of Christian and human unity. Pope Paul VI, who continued the council after John's death in 1963, endorsed those purposes and added that of dialogue with the modern world. mb-soft.com/believe/txs/secondvc.htm

The changes were significant that affected the western world but this paper will only focus The documents that the Catholic Church used to modify its ways from the 2nd Vatican council.

There were 16 Catholic changing documents but this paper will be in regards to the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Dogmatic Constitution of Divine Revelation and the opposition to the 2nd Vatican council.

Here is the conservative perspective of the 2nd Vatican council. "In 1962 through 1965 the Second Vatican Council was called together by the Catholic Church. The goal behind the council

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