



Summaries of the Documents of the Second Vatican Council

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Constitutions

[*Dei Verbum*](#) - Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation

[*Lumen Gentium*](#) - Dogmatic Constitution on the Church

[*Sacrosanctum Concilium*](#) - Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

[*Gaudium et Spes*](#) - Dogmatic Constitution on the Church in the Modern World

Declarations

[*Gravissimum Educationis*](#) - Declaration on Christian Education

[*Nostra Aetate*](#) - Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions

[*Dignitatis Humanae*](#) - Declaration on Religious Freedom on the Right of the Person and of Communities to Social and Civil Freedom in Matters Religious

Decrees

[*Ad Gentes*](#) - Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church

[*Presbyterorum Ordinis*](#) - Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests

[*Apostolicam Actuositatem*](#) - Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity

[*Optatam Totius*](#) - Decree on Priestly Training

[*Perfectae Caritatis*](#) - Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life

[*Christus Dominus*](#) - Decree Concerning the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church

[*Unitatis Redintegratio*](#) - Decree on Ecumenism

[*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*](#) - Decree on the Catholic Churches of the Eastern Rite

[*Inter Mirifica*](#) - Decree on the Media of Social Communications