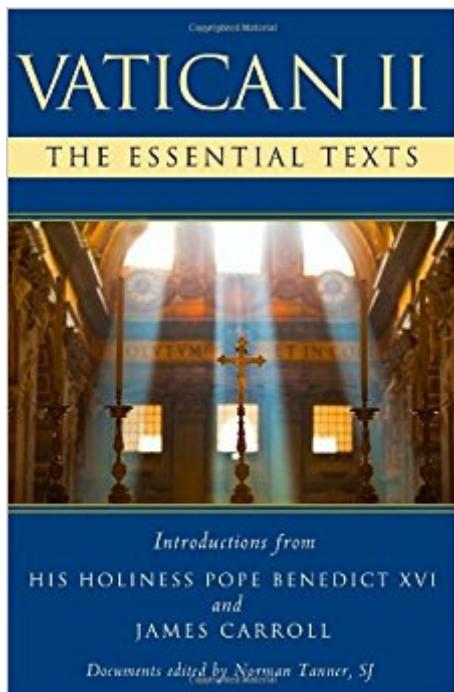


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Synopsis

By encouraging engagement with the modern world and a refocusing of traditional teaching, the Second Vatican Council brought new life into the practice of Catholicism. The council's impact on the Church is still playing out today, and with many current church issues finding their roots in differing interpretations of Vatican II it has never lost relevance. *Vatican II: The Essential Texts* brings together the key documents of the council. As the council is commemorated on its 50th Anniversary, readers will be returning to these source materials to understand the Church's developing positions on its relationship with the secular world and other religions, the role of lay people, human rights and the common good, the liturgy and other still highly relevant issues. In addition to the introductions from Pope Benedict and James Carroll, the documents will also be accompanied by brief historical prefaces from Professor Edward Hahnenberg.

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This work collects together the basic texts of Vatican II. They are presented in a good type size and

with solid introductions. Great resource on the topic.

Great Distillation of the voluminous documents from Vatican II to allow the reader to "grasp" the essential elements that the Council had endorsed/promoted.!!

The texts of Vatican II reflect Catholic theology at its highest stage in development. These texts contain many years of reflected wisdom applied to the problems of the world today, while at the same time further reflecting on the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. Vatican II is not a liberal abnormality of previous Catholic teaching, but is rather the next logical step of development. It did not change or contradict the doctrines of the faith, rather it further illuminated them. If you want to learn about what Vatican II taught, there can be nothing better than reading the texts themselves. In them, you find the wisdom and truth that makes the Catholic Church so great.

Since getting a copy of Vatican II texts involves looking backwards, my desired outcome might be a little different than for a current book. The immediate impact for me was that this source has both an inviting colored cover, but also large print copy Placement of the documents material is spread out on the page so that the reader doesn't need to read into the binding to glimpse essentials. The two drawbacks for me were absence of an index and separation of subsections with bold subheading. On the plus side, the notes in the back were unexpected . I recommend this as a second resource for the sake of comparison.

This is a deep book but if you want to know about the changes that has taken place in the Catholic religion and why then you may want to read this book but beware it can be very dry.

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Very well done.

Translation isn't as good as others

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