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*Still
Becoming the
Church of
Vatican Two*



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Fifty years after the Second Vatican Council *Fifty years after the Second Vatican Council, we still struggle to realize its vision. In the opening lines of its very first document, Vatican II laid out its goals clearly and succinctly: to energize Catholics, to update church institutions, to encourage the unity of all Christians, and to reach out to the whole world.*

And yet, today we seem more divided about how to achieve these goals than ever before. If for so long the story of Vatican II was a story of "before" and "after," now we turn our attention to the present and the future. Where have we come as a church? And where do we still have to go?

Together we will explore our contemporary reality in light of the vision of Vatican II, asking what this vision means today for the role of the laity, the exercise of authority, the call to prophetic witness, and the needs of our global community.

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