

DIOCESAN LITURGY COUNCIL

'Document Club'

Featuring: *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*

You are invited to form and/or join a 'document club'!

A one-in-60-year opportunity ...

We are at the beginning of the three-year celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of **Vatican Council II**, which began on 11 October 1963 and ended a little over three years later on 8 December 1965.

The Council promulgated sixteen major documents. The reception of those documents, and all that flows from them, continues to be the work of the Church in every place and through every unfolding year and decade. Today it is our work.

What are these documents and what wisdom do they reveal to us today? An enjoyable way to read and reflect on these texts is in the tradition of a book club, or 'document club' in this instance.

As one way of marking this anniversary, the Diocesan Liturgy Council invites you to form and/or join a 'Document Club' drawing on the great tradition of book clubs! (Yes, there will need to be drinks and nibbles!)

This year the focus is ***The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy***, the first document promulgated by the Council on 4 December 1963.

In keeping with our rich Catholic understanding of the ongoing process of reception, you are invited to read this document with attentiveness to the wisdom it reveals to us in our 2023 context: a context that is universal, global, national, diocesan, parish, family, community, personal ... We read with an experience and wisdom the Council fathers did not have. The Holy Spirit, who inspired the Council, continues to inspire us in our discernment today.

It is hoped that several document clubs may spring up throughout this year. To bring our document clubs to a close the DLC is looking to host an in-person 'fun' gathering on Monday evening 4 December 2023. To receive your invitation you may like to send the names and email addresses of your document club members to sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au.

A reading outline follows overleaf for those who would like to form or participate in a Document Club. The Liturgy Council will be undertaking the same process.

This formation opportunity is for all members of the faithful, including YOU!

If you would like the support of a member of the DLC to get you started and/or to facilitate your club, please contact sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au.

DOCUMENT CLUB PROCESS:

CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRED LITURGY

The 'club' gatherings will be facilitated according to a simple process of Mystagogical Reflection.

Participants are invited to read the set chapter ahead of each session. The facilitator will guide the sharing by inviting participants to engage in conversation as follows:

1. What was a key idea that drew your attention?
2. What is the document revealing to us today about God, the Church community, and the liturgy we celebrate?
3. What action is the Holy Spirit inviting us to – individually and as a worshipping community?
4. How is this understanding of the liturgy shaping the Church for life and mission?

The focus of the conversation will be the document itself, not secondary sources.

Each gathering will begin with a brief period of prayer and quiet recollection of the chapter for reflection. The focus of each gathering will be as follows:

- Session 1: Introduction a.1-4
- Session 2: Chapter 1: General Principles for the Restoration and Promotion of the Sacred Liturgy. a. 5-46
- Session 3: Chapter 2: The Most Sacred Mystery of the Eucharist. a. 47-58
- Session 4: Chapter 3: The Other Sacraments and the Sacramentals. a. 59-82
- Session 5: Chapter 4: The Divine Office. a. 83-101
- Session 6: Chapter 5: The Liturgical Year. a. 102-111
- Session 7: Chapter 6: Sacred Music. a. 112-121
- Session 8: Chapter 7: Sacred Art and Sacred Furnishings. a. 122-130
- Session 9: Concluding Reflections

We look forward to the new life and conversion such shared reading will promote.

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