



Fifty Years Later: the Liturgy, Vatican II, and St. Malachi Parish

In celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, the St. Malachi Liturgy Commission read, reflected on, and discussed *Liturgy: Sacrosanctum Consilium* by Rita Ferrone (c.2007)***during 2013-14. It is a book rich in insight and thoughtful vision about the first and one of the most significant documents of the Council. We learned much about our Eucharistic heritage and its ritual celebration. We'd like to share some of that with you over the next several months.

To set the stage, we begin with quoted material from pages 18 and 19. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy stands at the head of all the work of the council not only chronologically, but also as sign and symbol of the values and priorities of that council.”

Pope John XXIII (now canonized) described the aims of a council he wished to convene as: the enlightenment, edification, and joy of the entire Christian people and a renewed cordial invitation to the faithful of the separated churches to participate with us in this feast. These thoughts were then listed as aims for both the Council itself and the document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. The aims are: renewal of God's people, adaptation to the times, ecumenism, and evangelization.

In future inserts, we will look at the ways in which Christ is present in the liturgy according to the major points of the document: in the person of the minister, under the Eucharistic species, in the celebration of the sacraments, in [God's] Word proclaimed in the liturgy, and when the assembly prays and sings.

We hope you will join us on this interesting journey. If you are interested in purchasing this book for yourself, go to www.amazon.com or you can borrow a book from anyone on the Liturgy Commission. Please feel free to contact members of the Commission if you would like to start a small home discussion group and with your comments/questions.

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