



AMERICAN CATHOLIC COUNCIL

*Celebrating
the
Spirit of
Vatican II*

Early
Registration
Extended to
April 10th

June 10–12, 2011

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

“Motifs of the Spirit”

- The **primacy and importance of Baptism**—through baptism, all are called to conversion and to ministry.
- The **primacy of a well-formed conscience**—the key element in decision making, particularly moral decision making.
- **Collegial and responsible decision making** that respects all individuals and their Spirit-filled gifts.
- The Church is **in the world**, not above it.
- Sincere, open-minded **ecumenism** and **respect for theological diversity**.
- **Enculturation**—adaptation of liturgy/prayer/spirituality to local custom (use of vernacular), respect for cultural diversity in education, governing style, worship, prayer and praxis.
- **Openness** to **all** peoples: saints, sinners, women and men and a view which sees sacraments as food for life’s journey.
- Renewed emphasis on **Sacred Scripture** revealing the life model of Jesus as a standard for personal life and for justice.



RECLAIM THE VISION OF VATICAN II

AMERICAN CATHOLIC COUNCIL

Pentecost June 10-12, 2011

Cobo Convention Center and Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center

What? A Council, called by baptized members of the Roman Catholic Church to celebrate Vatican II and to Reclaim its Vision.

- **Join us to Celebrate Vatican II**
- **Hear the results of nationwide Listening Sessions**
- **Be Inspired by Great Speakers:**
Hans Kung, Joan Chittister,
Anthony Padovano, Jeanette Rodriquez,
James Carroll and Kathleen Kennedy
Townsend
- **Participate in Breakout Sessions
and Workshops**
- **Proclaim a Catholic Bill of Rights
and Responsibilities**
- **Participate in the Premier of a new
Pentecost Liturgy with Brass, Chorale
and Dance**

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Program

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011

Pre-Events, Exhibit Hall, Registration

Registration (all day), Detroit Convention Center

4 pm Exhibit Hall opens, Ambassador Hall, DCC

Food Court, Ambassador Hall, DCC (open throughout the Council)

See Details of VOTE, Corpus and Future Church Meetings in this invitation.

Venue: Marriott Renaissance Center

Unit One: Friday Evening Venue: DCC
Rediscovery of the Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of all the Baptized by the Second Vatican Council: Who are we?

- 6:00 Music: Participative Gathering Hymn
- 6:15 Introduction and Welcome, Statement of Theme and Overview of the Event
Opening Prayer Service
- 6:45 An Interview with Dr. Hans Kung
- 7:30 Address (Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez)
Reclaiming the Freedom of the People of God
- 9:00 Musical Postlude/Opening of Reform in Action Space (Venue TBA)

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Unit Two: Saturday Morning Venue: DCC
The History of the Role of all the Baptized—as Restated by Vatican II: Where do we come from?

Exhibit Hall Open 8 am-6pm (some closed during addresses)

- 8:30 Gathering Music and Prayer
- 8:45 Introduction of Program and Goals for Morning, Announcements
- 9:00 Keynote Address (Dr. Anthony Padovano)
Reclaiming the Spirit and Vision of the People of God
- 10:00 A Report on the Listening Assembly Process, What did you say?

10:30 Transition to Breakout/Listening Sessions (Venues in DCC TBA)

11:30-12:30 Breakout Sessions
A list of Breakout Session Topics and Presenters is contained in this newsletter. Detailed descriptions will be emailed to participants in May and will be welcome packages.

Unit Three: Saturday Afternoon and Evening Venue: DCC
What Does It Mean to be Catholic? What are our Dreams, Hopes, Prayers and Concerns?

2:00 Gathering Hymn

2:15 Report of International Movement: We Are Church

2:30 Keynote Speaker: Mr. James Carroll
Why am I a Catholic?: Reclaiming the Commitment of the People of God

3:45-5:15 Break out Sessions (Venues in DCC TBA)

7:00 Musical Introduction

7:15 Keynote Speaker: Ms. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
Why am I a Catholic?: Reclaiming the Joy of the People of God

8:30-9:30 Entertainment

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Unit Four: Sunday Morning Venue: DCC
How Can We Reclaim The Future of our Church?

8:30 Gathering Hymn and Introduction

8:45 Keynote: Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB
Reclaiming the Hope of the People of God

10:00 Presentations, Proclamations, Actions

11:00 Eucharistic Liturgy
A Participative Pentecost Liturgy
(Approximate termination 1 pm)





KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Hans Kung

Swiss theologian, educator, and author; expert advisor at Vatican II and outspoken champion of the reforms instituted by that Council. Ordained in 1954. Author, global ethicist, ecumenist. Degrees from Pontifical Gregorian, Sorbonne, and other noted graduate schools of theology. (Dr. Kung's presentation will be in the form of an interview recounting his experiences at Vatican II and thereafter, live or filmed, depending upon his health. The film will be available after the Council – in either event.)



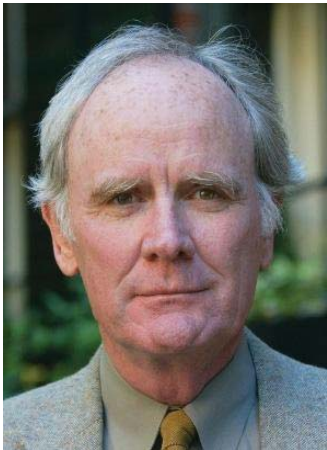
Jeanette Rodriguez

Professor and chair in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Seattle University. Author of books and articles concentrated in the areas of U.S. Latin@ theology; theologies of liberation; peace-building; justice education; and genocide studies. Member of the Academy of Latin@ theologians in the United States. Previous vice chair of Pax Christi. PhD from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California.



Anthony T. Padovano

Author, theologian, pastor and worldwide lecturer. PhDs in theology and literature. Visiting professor at twenty-five American colleges and universities. Graduate of the American College in Rome and ordained to the priesthood in 1960. First president of CORPUS. Distinguished professor of literature and philosophy at Ramapo college of New Jersey. Pastor of The Inclusive Community where Catholics and Protestants worship together.



James Carroll

Author and distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at Suffolk University, columnist for the Boston Globe. His recent book (2009) *Practicing Catholic* explores what it means to be Catholic today. BA and MA degrees from St. Paul's College, Washington DC, ordained to priesthood. Shorenstein Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, Fellow at the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life at the Harvard Divinity School. Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



Kathleen Kennedy Townsend

Former Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, eldest daughter of Robert and Ethel Kennedy. Graduate of Radcliffe. JD, University of New Mexico. Numerous government posts, including in the offices of attorney general in the US and Maryland. Member of the Council of Foreign Relations, Fellow of the Kennedy School of Government. Author and raconteur of "growing up Catholic" in the post-Vatican II era.



Joan Chittister

Member of the Benedictine community, former Prioress in Erie, PA. One of the most articulate social analysts and influential religious leaders of our time – writing and speaking on behalf of justice and equality both in the Church and in society. Her many awards include the *U.S. Catholic* magazine award for Furthering the Cause of Women in the Church. Nine of her 40 books have received Catholic Press Association recognition. Graduate degrees from Notre Dame and Penn State. Regular columnist for National Catholic Reporter.





A CATHOLIC BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To be human is to have rights. These include life and freedom, together with rights necessary to sustain them: shelter and nourishment, health and work, education and leisure.

None of these rights is absolute. One may not exercise them in such a manner that other people are exploited.

Citizens of the United States are particularly conscious of their rights, written into our constitution: speech and peaceful assembly, dissent and due process, the choice to believe or not, freedom of the press and protection from cruel and unusual punishment, voting and the presumption of innocence.

When one decides to become a Catholic, one brings all these human rights into the Church. The Church has a solemn obligation to protect these and not to violate them. When one is a Catholic in the United States, the Church is obliged to safeguard those rights which define what it is to be a citizen—unless they are incompatible with Catholicism. One must not be told that one becomes a Catholic at the cost of being less an American. We cannot declare that fundamental rights have no place in the Church of Christ.

We often hear that the “Church is not a democracy.” This is not true: ecumenical councils, papal elections and the election of religious superiors occur regularly. The first Ecumenical Council in 325 declared that no priest was validly ordained unless the community made the selection. Popes and bishops were chosen by the people at large. Fundamentally, Catholic doctrine maintains that the Spirit is given to all and that baptism makes every Catholic equal.

Distinctions between clergy and laity are functional and arbitrary. Their value is always subordinate to the baptismal equality which gives all Catholics the priesthood, the right to the Eucharist, and full status in the community.

Christ did not preach a Gospel of privilege and priorities, of entitlements, and of lesser or greater discipleships. Christ did not proclaim that the Reign of God was made up of those whose right to speech or due process or presumption of innocence would now be curtailed.

The Reign of God has its charter in the beatitudes, its constitution in the Gospels, and its mission in the Great Commandments.

In light of these principles and precepts, we, mindful of our baptism, eager to be fully citizens of the United States and thoroughly Catholic, articulate this Catholic Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.

1. **Primacy of Conscience.** Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to develop an informed conscience and to act in accord with it.
2. **Community.** Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to participate in a faith community and the right to responsible pastoral care.
3. **Universal Ministry.** Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and to respond to the community’s call to ministerial leadership.
4. **Freedom of Expression.** Every Catholic has the right to freedom of expression and the freedom to dissent.
5. **Sacraments.** Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to participate in the fullness of the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.
6. **Reputation.** Every Catholic has the right to a good name and to due process.
7. **Governance.** Every Catholic and every Catholic community have the right to a voice in the selection of leaders and in the manner in which governance and decision making are exercised.
8. **Participation.** Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to share in the interpretation of the Gospel and Church tradition.
9. **Councils.** Every Catholic has the right to summon and speak in assemblies where diverse voices can be heard.
10. **Guarantee of rights.** Church leaders shall respect the rights and responsibilities of the baptized and their faith communities.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Reshaping Parish Governance

Presenter: Francis Piderit and others from VOTF Local Action team

“Follow the Money”: Financial Transparency and Accountability

Presenter: Jason Berry

Liturgical Renewal: the “New” pre-Vatican II Liturgy in your Future

Presenter: Bryan Cones (Invited)

Toward a Constitutional U.S. Church: How to Get There and where “There” is

Presenter: Dr. Len Swidler

Universal Availability of Ministry: Exploring new models of Catholic ministry

Presenters: Andrea Johnson, Bill Manseau, Rich Hasselbach

Universal Availability of Ministry: Exploring Models of Effecting Catholic Systemic Change

Presenters: Ronald DuBois, Therese Koturbash, Tony Kowalski

Creating Nonviolent Responses to Common Abuses of Authority in the U.S. Church

Presenters: Dr. Caridad Inda, Sr. Chris Schenk

Responding to the Sexual Abuse Phenomenon and Supporting the Survivor Community

Presenters: Barbara Blaine, David Clohessey

Bishop Selection

Presenter: Dr. Nick Mazza and others from VOTF Universal Church Reform team

Women in the Church: Strategies for Empowerment

Presenters: Sr. Diana Culbertson, Rita Houlihan, Kathleen Kichline, Gloria Ulterino

The Primacy of the Well-formed Conscience

Presenter: Dr. Jeannine Gramick

Alternative Worship Communities: A How To Session

Presenters: Members of the PAX Community and NOVA Community

Impact and Contribution of the Latin@ Communities on 21st Century Catholicism in the U.S.

Presenter: Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez

Sacramental “Eligibility”

Presenters: Marianne Duddy-Burke, Frank DeBernardo

Black Catholics as Subversive Memories in the Catholic Church: Does the Non-Violent Resistance Movement in Recent US History Have Lessons for US Catholicism?

Presenter: Dr. Diana Hayes

The Younger Generation: The church now and the future

Presenters: Lisa Hawley, Emily Holtel Hoag

The Church in the Modern World, Gaudium et Spes and Social Justice

Presenters: Maria Riley, O.P., James E. Hug, S.J.

REFORM IN ACTION

Beginning with a session on Friday evening, members of the ACC Planning team and other volunteers will be holding opportunities for attendees to offer comments on ACC documents, websites, and plans and to receive reports from Breakout Session reporters on suggestions and action plans for incorporation into Council documents and the post-Council action plan. Venues and times will be detailed in the program and announced from time to time.





ACCOMMODATIONS/TRAVEL

Hotel

The headquarters hotel is The Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan. To register and take advantage of the special room rate of \$109 see the American Catholic Council, Council and Hotel registration form.

Special Airfare Program

American Catholic Council has arranged for a special discounted airfare program with Delta Air Lines for flying to Detroit's (DTW) Airport.

The following discounts are applicable to US/Canada originating passengers and are good for traveling between June 7, 2011 – June 15, 2011:

Full/Non Restricted Fare Type:

5% from Hub* Markets and 7% from Non-Hub Markets

Discounted/Restricted Fare Type:

2% from Hub* Markets and 5% from Non-Hub Markets

*Hub markets are: Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, Detroit, Memphis, Salt Lake City, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Atlanta.

The only way you can take advantage of this discount program is by calling: 800/328-1111 and providing Account Code NM67F. Delta is waiving the ticketing fee.

Van Transportation

There is no regularly scheduled shuttle van service between Detroit (DTW) Airport and downtown Detroit. However, ACC has been able to arrange with Trinity Transportation Group the opportunity for attendees to make and pay for advance arrival and departure reservations.

Shuttle van rates:

\$30 per person each way, includes DTW fees for single passenger reservation

\$49.00 from DTW to downtown Detroit, for up to 4 passengers on same reservation. Includes DTW fees. Additional passengers over 4 are \$5 each.

\$39.00 from downtown Detroit to DTW, for up to 4 passengers on same reservation. Additional passengers over 4 are \$5 each.

Reservation can be made:

Online - http://trinitybus.com/main/reservations/airport_shuttle.aspx

Once you have completed the form you will be contacted by a Trinity Transportation representative.

By Phone - (877) 284-4200 ext. 205 or (734) 941-7777



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR AN INCLUSIVE PRIESTHOOD

Please Join Us!

CORPUS, the National Association for an Inclusive Priesthood
IFRCM (The International Federation for a Renewed Catholic Ministry)
will hold a joint meeting/conversation
on Friday, June 10 beginning at 9:00 am.

The focus of the session is **Vatican II: Revising our Past/Becoming our Future.**

Mission Statements

CORPUS is a faith community affirming an inclusive priesthood rooted in a reformed and renewed Church. It provides not only a ministry of service which is open to the diverse ways people are authentically called by God, but seeks also sacramental ecumenical collaboration. The community and ministry are defined not only in traditional and canonical categories but in terms of the needs which require autonomy and pastoral service.

The IFRCM is an association of groups from many nations concerned with the renewal of all forms of ministry in the Catholic Church. The renewal of ministry is seen as a means toward the larger renewal of the Church. The International Federation especially focuses on the resisting clericalism, by the creation of equitable and inclusive structures and policies.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Include Title and Suffix if applicable

Name:

First _____ Last _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Name of second person:

First _____ Last _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip

Phone Number: _____
(Day Time) (Evening if different)

E-mail: _____
(Required to receive a registration confirmation and conference updates)

Do you have any special needs? (check any that apply)

☐ Visual ☐ Dietary ☐ Mobility ☐ Auditory ☐ Other

Please provide a brief explanation of your special needs: _____

COUNCIL REGISTRATION:

Full Registration:

Per Person

- ☐ Post Marked by April 10, 2011 \$220
☐ After April 10 and Walk In/On-Site \$260

Group Rate: (for groups of ten or more) Per Person

All registration forms must be sent/received together.

- ☐ Post Marked by April 10, 2011 \$198

Scholarships: (Due by April 10, 2011)

- ☐ Members of Religious Community \$150

(Religious Community) _____

- ☐ Students (Under age 22 on June 10, 2011) \$150

- ☐ Couples (For Two) \$325

- ☐ Others (please apply by email or letter)

Daily Rate

- ☐ Friday Only \$75
☐ Saturday Only \$150
☐ Sunday \$50

OPTIONAL MEALS: There will be optional food events available for pre purchase for Friday lunch, plus Friday and Saturday dinners. Additional details and purchasing information will be sent to you separately when complete information is available.

HOTEL REGISTRATION:

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance (*The Detroit Marriott is a non-smoking hotel*)

Room Rate \$109 (Single/Double/Triple/Quad) plus applicable taxes

(Room rate is good for 3 days prior to 3 days following the conference)

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Sleeping Room: Number of persons _____

King _____ or Two Beds _____ Special request(s) _____

Names of additional persons in room: (*Please Print*):

(First) (Last)

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Cut off date: All room reservations need to be received by the Marriott by 5/18/2011. After 5/18/2011 the unsold rooms in the block will be released. The hotel will continue to accept reservation requests on space available basis at the group rate until the room block is sold

Room guarantee: To guarantee your room, the Marriott will charge a one night deposit of \$109 (plus tax, currently 15%) to your charge card listed below. The deposit will be refunded for rooms cancelled more than seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival.

Council Registration Cancellation: Registration cancellations received by 5/18/2011 will receive a full refund minus a \$20 handling fee. Cancellations received after 5/18/2011 will be refunded minus a \$50 handling fee. No refunds after June 6, 2011. All refunds will be sent out within 30 days of the close of the council.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____

Payable To: ACC *for registration* Mail To: ACC Registrar * shown below

Charge my credit card for ☐ Registration \$ _____ ☐ Guarantee my room as noted above. Mail To: ACC Registrar

Name as it appears on the credit card: _____

Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Amex

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code: _____

Signature (required for credit card registrations)

ABOUT YOURSELF (OPTIONAL) We are hoping to learn more about our audience so we can tell you about those who are attending. Would you mind filling out this profile? This information is confidential and will not be given out or shared with any other organization. Thank You.

Age: _____ Race/ethnicity: _____ Church Employee? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Church involvement: ☐ Attend regularly and Volunteer ☐ Attend regularly ☐ Neither

Are you a ☐ lay person? ☐ religious woman? ☐ religious brother? ☐ priest? ☐ deacon?

☐ religious studies student?

Registration is available on-line or complete this form and mail or fax to the ACC Registrar

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ALL PRECONFERENCES WILL BE HELD AT THE MARRIOTT AT THE RENAISSANCE CENTER ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011

VOTF National Meeting CHURCH REFORM: A DO-IT-YOURSELF JOB

Friday, June 10, 2011 — 10 to 3:30

Wanted: Catholics who keep the faith but seek to transform the Church by modeling lay participation in governance, guidance, and collegial leadership.

Requirements: Energy and willingness to participate in campaigns led by Voices in Action teams on bishop selection, women's initiatives, statutes of limitations reforms, spiritual and communal growth, financial accountability... and so much more.

**Join us for our National Meeting in Detroit and
learn all about the possibilities.**

Morning Program: Welcome by President Dan Bartley; Voices in Action updates; Interactive Sessions with Voices in Action teams.

Afternoon Panel with Fr. Tom Doyle and Jason Berry:
Connecting the Dots to Define Root Causes

Come hear about connections between the greatest Church scandals of today: sex abuse and coverups by the clergy, and the misuse of funds. Uniquely positioned by their knowledge and experience, Fr. Doyle and Mr. Berry will look at the common features and root causes of the scandals, including new disclosures from Jason Berry's latest book *Render Unto Rome: The Secret Life of Money in the Catholic Church*.

For more information: www.votf.org. No registration fee

Future Church: Hanging Tough: Keeping Your Integrity and Changing the (Institutional) Church.

Are you struggling with gender discrimination, unjust parish closings and other abuses of authority in the institutional Church? If you have ever asked yourself how you can stay in the Church when the institution doesn't seem to follow the Gospel, this is the workshop for you. Learn how ordinary Catholics are working for systemic change. In just ten years they changed the public image of St. Mary of Magdala from a prostitute to the first witness to the Resurrection while at the same time educating their faith communities about women leaders in the early Church.

Hundreds of others put the priest shortage, optional celibacy and women deleted from the lectionary on the agendas of two Vatican synods. Still others have successfully resisted unjust parish closings and are flooding Vatican offices with parish closing appeals.

This daylong teach-in will help you learn principles of community organizing and gospel non-violence as they apply to your local parish and diocese.

Morning Keynote: Sr. Louise Akers SC, D.Min., Crying out with a Million Voices.

Sr. Louise is the Coordinator of the Office of Peace Justice and Integrity of Creation in Cincinnati. She has presented workshops, courses and reflection days on justice related issues.

In the afternoon, a panel of activists, who have successfully organized in their parishes and dioceses, will present practical strategies and supply hands on support and training in how to use Future Church's proven systemic change resources according to your interest area including:

Women in Church Leadership,

Parish Closings,

Optional Celibacy,

Common Abuses of Authority in the US Church: (tools for resisting same)

St. Mary of Magdala/Celebrating Women Witnesses Programs

Women and the Word (raising awareness about women deleted from the Lectionary)

Register at www.futurechurch.org or call 216-228-0869 ext. 5

Early Bird Registration by May 20th - \$40.00 (lunch not included);

After May 20th - \$50.00



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