

The Second Vatican Council

If you are at least in your 50's:

Do you remember hearing news of the Second Vatican Council, when it was being prepared or when it was in session?

What was your experience of life before and after the Second Vatican Council?

What are your impressions (from what you have heard from others, from what you have read, or from what you have experienced) about the effects of the Second Vatican Council on the life of the Catholic Church?

Do you have any questions about Vatican II, perhaps arising from contradictory things you have heard or seen?

Revelation and Faith

Authentic Christian faith begins with the conviction that a God who is real, personal, free and loving has acted to make Himself known. Many people in our society do not have that conviction. What has helped you to have that conviction?

Faith is assent to God who has made Himself known. Faith is obedience. It is also trust. In the act of faith we entrust ourselves to God. And we must sometimes assent to things that we do not yet entirely understand. Have you ever had the experience of trusting God, and later having that trust proven right?

Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium

Do you see what is meant by this distinction: Revelation occurs in God acting; the written text (Sacred Scripture) is a record of what God has done to make Himself known? (And so the text is not Revelation itself.) Do you see this distinction as helping to resolve any questions you have had about Scripture?

What is the difference between Tradition and traditions?

Can you name two or three ways in which your Christian life has been especially formed by Sacred Scripture? By Tradition?