

## VATICAN COUNCIL II

Bishop Paul, Servant of the Servants of God,  
together with the Fathers of the Sacred Council,  
puts on permanent record

# The Dogmatic Constitution On Divine Revelation

(*Dei Verbum*\*)

**H**EARING THE WORD OF GOD with reverence and proclaiming it with faith, the sacred Synod takes its direction from these words of St. John: "We announce to you the eternal life which dwelt with the Father and was made visible to us. What we have seen and heard we announce to you, so that you may have fellowship with us and our common fellowship be with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ" (1 Jn. 1, 2-3). Therefore, following in the footsteps of the Council of Trent and of the First Vatican Council, this present Council wishes to set forth authentic doctrine on divine revelation and its transmission, so that by hearing the message of salvation the whole world may believe, by believing it may hope, and by hoping it may love.<sup>1</sup>

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\* AAS., LVIII (1966), pp. 817 ss. Translation by NCWC News Service. Adaptation and subheadings from THE POPE SPEAKS MAGAZINE, WASHINGTON, vol. II, n. 1 (1956).

<sup>1</sup> Cf. St. Augustine, *De catechizandis rudibus*, c. IV, 8: PL. 40, 316.