

“Council 50: Nuovo Aggiornamento – Vatikanum III: Voice of the People“

Basic Information (Standings 1. Dez. 2011)

Project

Up to now, IMWAC (and Platform „We are Church“) have been continuously raising awareness in respect to (almost) all reform themes, have arranged meetings, published books and undertaken many other activities. However, substantial reforms have not been implemented by the leader(s) of our Church – only blockades. Therefore, IMWAC is called to engage in one more powerful endeavour. For the 50th anniversary of Vatican II (from 11 October 1962 to 7 December 1965) we are preparing “**VATICAN III – from below**” in Rome:

- 7 December 2015: solemn Public Proclamation of the documents of **Vatican III**,

Objective

The plan is to re-read, revise and complement the four Constitutions (C), the nine Decrees (D) and the three Statements (S) of Vatican II in the light of a genuine new “Aggiornamento” in accordance with the requirements of modern society and new theological knowledge. If necessary structural issues of these documents should also be addressed. In doing so, the tradition of the Church has to be taken into consideration.

Method

The documents of Vatican II deal with nine themes (see below). Therefore nine groups should each select one of the themes and work on it until July 2014. All reform movements including IMWAC are invited to participate in the project. An “Executive Council”, located with WaC Austria, should be responsible for the coordination and finalization of the work of the various groups. The whole dossier should then be approved of by a several-day General Meeting in November 2014. After possible further amendments and corrections, the final document will be presented to the public at a Press Conference on Friday, 4 December 2015, in Rome. On 7 December 2015 an **International Demonstration March** to St. Peter’s Square will take place, where a **Public Proclamation of Vaticanum III** will be held.

Groups: Up to now there are eight groups willing to take part in the project: five from Austria, one from Switzerland, one from Germany, one from Australia. We hope we get more until February 2012.

Participants - 2015 in Rom

In order to have as many people as possible participating in the Demonstration March in Rome, preparations should start as soon as possible. Our goal is to have about 450 people participating in the Demonstration March: 100 each from Austria, Germany and Italy, and 150 from other European countries and other continents. IMWAC-members and sympathizers are invited to organize for themselves on one-week-holiday in Rome for the beginning of December 2015.

The nine areas of themes for the nine country groups are proposed as follows:

(abbreviations C, D and S see above):

1. Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (C), specifically further development of the „Sensus fidelium“
2. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (C), specifically the theology of the “Communio”
3. Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (C), Social Communications (D) and Mission (D)
4. Constitution on Sacred Liturgy (C)
5. Bishops in the Church (D), specifically “Communio” and particular Churches)
6. Ecumenism (D) and Eastern Churches (D)
7. Lay People (D) and Christian Education (S)
8. Priestly Training (D) and Life of Priests (D)
9. Renewal of Religious Life (D), Religious Freedom (S) and Relations with Non-Christians (S)

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