50 YEARS SINCE VATICAN II: We’ve Only Just Begun

MODERATOR: Dr. R. Andrew Chesnut

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PRESENTATIONS

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THE PHENOMENON OF VATICAN COUNCIL II: Where it came from, what happened at the Council, what has happened since

by

DR. ANTHONY PADOVANO, Author, Theologian, and Worldwide Lecturer

Dr. Anthony Padovano was ordained a priest in 1960, and later became first president of CORPUS, a reform movement in the Catholic Church. He is a founding member and distinguished professor of literature and philosophy at Ramapo College of New Jersey. He has authored 29 books and three plays. Since 1986 he has served as pastor of The Inclusive Community where Catholics and Protestants worship together.

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NOURISHING TODAY’S FAITH: Vatican II and the Roots of Catholic Social Teaching

by

SR. SIMONE CAMPBELL, SSS, Social Activist

Sister Simone Campbell has served as the Executive Director of NETWORK, a National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, since 2004. She has extensive experience in public policy and advocacy for systemic change. In Washington, she lobbies on issues of peace-building, immigration reform, healthcare and economic justice. Around the country, she is a noted speaker and educator on these public policy issues.

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CAN WE TALK?: Principles for Dialogue in the Church flowing from Vatican II

by

BILL HUEBSCHE, Educator and Publisher

Bill Huebsch is adjunct faculty at the University of Dallas School of Ministry and past president of Twenty-Third Publications. He has also served in management roles in other Catholic publishing houses since 1995. In 1990 he established The Vatican II Project which contributes to the effort being made within the Church to keep alive the spirit and energy of Vatican II. As part of that project, he published Grace: God’s Greatest Gift and Vatican II in Plain English, along with several other books outlining key features of the Council.

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The Symposium is a tribute to Bishop Walter F. Sullivan, a progressive leader in the U.S. Roman Catholic church and the longest-serving head of the Richmond diocese, who died on December 11, 2012 at the age of 84. He spent the majority of his life serving the church, including 29 years as bishop of the sprawling Richmond diocese and 21 years before that as a priest. As the 11th bishop to lead the Richmond diocese, Sullivan was known as one of the most progressive leaders in the Catholic church, causing controversy by condemning wars in Vietnam and the Middle East and speaking out against the death penalty. Under Sullivan, women found a greater role in the diocese in a wide variety of ministries, with nine of the diocese’s 143 parish directed by women. Sullivan also was instrumental in reaching out to minorities and other groups. He is sadly missed by the Catholic community and all those who knew him.

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