

“We do not challenge the faith we were given or the essential beliefs of our creeds and councils. We do know that this faith is not tied to the governance structure of any one historical period or culture. We seek a Church in which all the baptized have an effective voice in decision-making and a ministry worthy of their calling.”

-from the American Catholic Council Declaration

For more information, and to stay updated about the American Catholic Council, visit www.americancatholiccouncil.org.

To sponsor a listening session in your prayer group, parish or small faith community download a free toolkit at <http://assembliesacc.ning.com/>

FutureChurch is committed to respectful dialogue and welcomes a diversity of opinions at this listening session.

Join us April 17 for FutureChurch's Listening Session on Vatican II and the Future of the Church

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FutureChurch's

Listening Session on Vatican II and the Future of the Church



April 17, 2010 9am-12:30pm
Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Dr., Independence, OH 44131

The Listening Session and the American Catholic Council

The American Catholic Council is a new coalition of organizations, communities and individuals who wish to stimulate “discussion at every level of the Catholic Church in the United States to consider the state and future of our Church because we believe our Church is at another turning point in its history.”

The coalition will convene a nationwide conference on Pentecost 2011 (June 10-12) at Cobo Hall in Detroit, Michigan.

But first it hopes to encourage input from local and regional listening sessions to be held over the next year across the country. Among items up for discussion are:

- ✓ Your rights as a baptized Catholic and how to hold on to them.
- ✓ Letting the hierarchical Church know we have rights and responsibilities the right to express them (Catholic Bill Of Rights).
- ✓ Being an authentic Catholic while still disagreeing with the Church hierarchy on non-dogmatic issues.
- ✓ Celebrating the value of Vatican II in my life and spirituality.
- ✓ Where is my place at the table of Catholicism?

FutureChurch is supporting this grass roots effort by participating in various organizing committees and hosting this Cleveland Listening Session.

Listening Session Agenda for April 17th

The agenda of the listening session is as follows:

- 9:00am Registration (coffee and donuts)*
- 9:30 Welcome and Introduction*
- 9:45 Discussion Part I (focus on what is working)*
- 10:15 Break*
- 10:30 Speaker*
- 11:15 Discussion Part II (focus on what needs to change)*
- 12:00 Reporting & Next Steps*
- 12:30 Departure*

The session will be held at the Independence Civic Center
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No charge but a free will offering will be accepted to help defray our costs.

RSVPs help in our planning of this event, but are not required. To register and fill out an anonymous pre-listening session survey, go to www.americancatholiccouncil.org and click on “Assemblies Community Network.”

Bring a friend!



Keynote: Vatican II and the Future of the Church

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