

# WHAT VATICAN II SAID:

**“The Council also desires that, where necessary, the rites be revised carefully in the light of sound tradition...”**

(Sacrosanctum Concilium §4)

**“There must be no innovations unless the good of the Church genuinely and certainly requires them; and care must be taken that any new forms adopted should in some way grow organically from forms already existing.”**

(Sacrosanctum Concilium §23)

**“The use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites.”**

(Sacrosanctum Concilium §36)

**Gregorian chant “is to be given first place in liturgical services” under normal circumstances.**

(Sacrosanctum Concilium §116)

**“Pastors should see to it that the chief hours, especially Vespers, are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and the more solemn feasts. And the laity, too, are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually. In accordance with the centuries-old tradition of the Latin rite, the Latin language is to be retained by clerics in the divine office.”**

(Sacrosanctum Concilium §100)

