

# VERSES *versus* “VATICAN II”

by Dave Reckoning (A Dialog)

I said to a good friend one day,  
“The Church is in sad disarray!  
If we could undo  
This Vatican II,  
The confusion could then go away.”

My friend answered well as he could,  
“The Council was misunderstood!  
We cannot undo  
Our Vatican II,  
The Pope likes it, so it **has** to be good!”

I said to my friend, “That’s just great,  
But it’s always the same old prate!  
‘Vatican Two will  
Bring us a Renewal,  
Sooner or later, just wait...’.

“When some horrid abuse I see,  
I am told this is how it must be.  
When I ask, ‘Says who?’  
I’m told ‘Vatican II’,  
And I find I cannot disagree!

“There’s no heresy that it quells!  
There’s support for what **anyone** sells,  
For Vatican II  
Has got something for you,  
And for me, and for everyone else!

“You say ‘they’ misunderstand  
The Council’s every demand.  
But, is it not true,  
That since Vatican II,  
**‘They’** are the ones in command?”

“Error and sin run amok,  
But all blame, the Council would duck!  
‘It’s got nothin’ to do  
With Vatican II,  
We must blame it all on bad luck.’

“Inculturation is ‘in’!  
To refuse it is said to be sin!  
But true **Catholic** Culture  
Is fed to the vulture.  
No room for THAT in the Inn!

“Our Lord gave His Church the command  
To Baptize and convert every land.  
But, since Vatican II,  
One must stay a Jew,  
Or schismatic, or Islamic firebrand!

“If it’s good there’s a shortage of priests;  
If it’s good that the world mocks our feasts,  
Then I’ll say, ‘Don’t undo  
Your Vatican II,  
And let Catholics keep behaving as beasts!’

“We’ve grieved at the Pope’s apology  
For “Outdated Ecclesiology”,  
Let us pray he’ll eschew  
That of Vatican II,  
Along with its skewed ‘New Theology’!”

He said, “Yes, the world mocks,  
But we cannot turn back the clocks!  
And isn’t it true  
That, since Vatican II,  
The Barque of Peter ‘rocks’?”

“Oh, yes”, I lamented, “It’s true!”,  
Our boat ‘rocks’ since Vatican II,  
That’s why each Catholic  
Is feeling sea-sick,  
And some fall overboard, too!”

My friend said, “You are dogmatic,  
And probably even schismatic!  
I’ll have nothing to do  
Anymore with you,  
You intolerant uncharitable fanatic!”