

Ecumenical Councils

VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TU7v-qHyi0&feature=youtu.be>

GOAL SUMMARY

The goal of this session is to help young people learn about ecumenical councils, what they are and why they matter, as well as to see their influence within the history of the Church.

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In this video, Fr. Rampino discusses the significance of Ecumenical councils within the life of the Church.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The teaching authority of the Church helps to bridge the gap between the Bible and the faiths we profess. How? Who leads this teaching office of the Magisterium?
2. In moments of doubt within the Church, when the Truth is under attack, bishops are able to gather together to protect the Truth of our faith by participating in what?
3. What are some of the true teachings that have been defined at Church councils?
4. Why is it important to have these councils at key moments within the life of the Church?
5. Why do you think God gave His bishops the authority to teach and preach? Why do we need someone to be in charge?

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Today we have had the opportunity to spend some time learning about the ecumenical councils within the Church's history, what they are and why they matter. We live in a special time; the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s played a huge part in how we are celebrating the faith today. Though it has been 50 years since the council, we are still unpacking all that the Holy Spirit revealed to the bishops and which they recorded for us in the documents of Vatican II. As a reminder for ourselves of the lasting impact and Truth that has been protected by the various ecumenical councils, let's close in prayer by saying together the Nicene Creed, which was declared at the Council of Constantinople in the year 381. This is the same prayer which we pray together every Sunday at Mass.

(To close, stand and profess together:)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, and born of the Father before all ages. God from God, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial to the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary and was made man; was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried and on the third day rose again according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father, and shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and whose Kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the body and life of the world to come. Amen.