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Abbreviations

Citing Documents: Each of the documents of Vatican II has both an official title and a short title. The short title is based on the first two Latin words of the document itself. For example, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation is also known as *Dei Verbum* for its opening line: “Hearing the word of God (*Dei Verbum*) reverently and proclaiming it confidently....” In referring to individual documents, I use the following abbreviations based on these short titles.

Citing Specific Passages: The Vatican II documents are divided into numbered sections, called articles, which range in length from a sentence to several paragraphs. Unless otherwise indicated, I cite specific passages by the article number. Thus “*DV*, 12” refers to article number 12 of the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*).

- AA* *Apostolicam Actuositatem*
(ah-poh-STA-lee-kahm ahk-too-ah-see-TAH-tem)
Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People
- AG* *Ad Gentes* (ahd JEN-tez)
Decree on the Church’s Missionary Activity
- CD* *Christus Dominus* (KREES-toos DOH-mee-nuhs)
Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church
- DH* *Dignitatis Humanae* (deen-yee-TAH-tees hoo-MAH-nay)
Declaration on Religious Liberty

- DV Dei Verbum* (DAY-ee VAIR-boom)
Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation
- GE Gravissimum Educationis*
(grah-VEE-see-moom ed-joo-kah-tsee-OH-nees)
Declaration on Christian Education
- GS Gaudium et Spes* (GOW-dee-oom et spez)
Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World
- IM Inter Mirifica* (IN-tair meer-EE-fee-kah)
Decree on the Mass Media
- LG Lumen Gentium* (loo-men jen-tzee-oom)
Dogmatic Constitution on the Church
- NA Nostra Aetate* (NOHS-trah ay-TAH-tay)
Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions
- OE Orientalium Ecclesiarum*
(oh-ree-en-TAHL-ee-oom ek-klay-zee-AH-room)
Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches
- OT Optatam Totius* (ahp-TAH-tahm toh-TSEE-uhs)
Decree on the Training of Priests
- PC Perfectae Caritatis* (pair-FEK-tay cah-ree-TAH-tis)
Decree on the Up-to-Date Renewal of Religious Life
- PO Presbyterorum Ordinis*
(pres-bee-TAIR-aw-room AWR-dee-nees)
Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests
- SC Sacrosanctum Concilium*
(sah-kroh-SAHNK-toom kahn-CHEE-lee-oom)
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
- UR Unitatis Redintegratio*
(oo-nee-TAH-tis ray-din-tay-GRAH-tsee-oh)
Decree on Ecumenism