

Setting Up a Vatican II Panel

1. Talk to parish staff members to find out the names of some parishioners who would be willing to come and comfortably talk with the children.
2. Invite 3-4 people to visit your group.
3. Tell the guests that the children are learning about the Second Vatican Council and the changes that happened in the Church.
4. Ask the guests to be prepared to answer the following questions: What was the Church like before Vatican II? How did the Church change after Vatican II? What changes do you still hope to see in the Church?
5. Be sure to allow time for the children to ask any questions they may have.
6. You might like to conclude the panel discussion with a simple reception to show your appreciation.
7. Consider having the children write an article about the panel discussion that could be published in a parish newsletter or bulletin.