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IFE Conference

Tuesday 7th August
9:00am – 3:30pm

ACU Leadership Centre

Level 3, Cathedral House,
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What happens when you get a pope advanced in years but with his ear surprisingly close to the ground and attuned to the concerns of ordinary Catholics? What you get is Vatican II. The Second Vatican Council was an event of unparalleled significance in the history of modern Catholicism. Yet in spite of its impact, Vatican II was in many ways an unfinished council. The council bishops were able to establish key pillars in the construction of a new vision for the church of our time, but, for various reasons, they were not able to draw those pillars together into a coherent, unified structure. This conference provides the opportunity to explore both the council's building project itself and the challenges facing the church today if we are to complete the project begun more than fifty years ago.

Conference programme

From 8:30am	Registration. Complimentary tea and coffee
9:00 – 9:30am	Welcome & Conference Opening
9:30 – 11:00am	Vatican II: The Council that Almost Failed
11:00 – 11:30am	Morning tea
11:30 – 1:00pm	Vatican II's Vision for the Church
1:00 – 1:45pm	Lunch
1:45 – 3:15pm	Pope Francis' Bold Reception and Implementation of the Council
3:15 – 3:30pm	Conference close

This conference will be recognised as 4.5 hours for Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School.

About the presenter



Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz is Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College and the current chair of its Theology department. He has received numerous awards from both the Catholic Press Association and the Association of Catholic publishers and is a past recipient of the Sophia Award (2000), offered annually by the faculty of the Washington Theological Union in Washington D.C. in recognition of a theologian's contributions to the life of the church. He has authored or edited thirteen books, including *By What Authority? Foundations for Understanding Authority in the Church. Revised and Expanded Edition* (The Liturgical Press, 2018); *An Unfinished Council: Vatican II, Pope Francis, and the Renewal of Catholicism* (Liturgical Press, 2015); *Go Into the Streets! The Welcoming Church of Pope Francis* (with Thomas Rausch SJ; Paulist Press, 2015); and *A Church with Open Doors: Catholic Ecclesiology for the Third Millennium* (Liturgical Press, 2015). In January 2018 he was awarded the Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence by Barry University.

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