

**What Vatican II Really Said about the Mass**  
**Week 2: The Nature of the Liturgy and General Norms for Promoting**  
**Liturgical Instruction and Participation (SC 1-20)**

**Review**

1. What are the two primary interpretative approaches to the Second Vatican Council?
  
2. What are *Resourcement* and *Aggiornamento*?

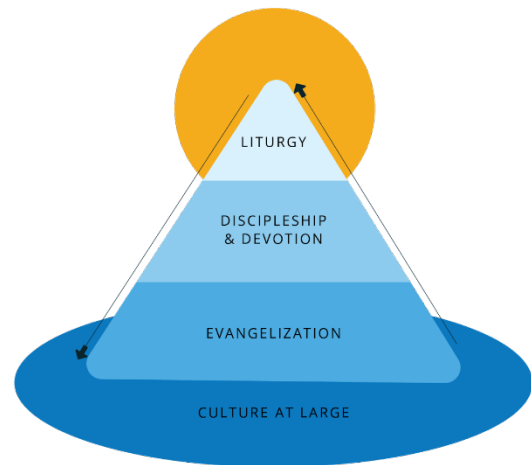
**The Nature of the Liturgy**

1. Primary and secondary purposes of the liturgy (SC 2)
  
2. Making the paschal mystery present to us today (SC 6)
  
3. Exercising the priestly office in the liturgy (SC 7)
  - a. 1 Peter 2:9: “But you are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises’ of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”
  
  - b. Compare with Exodus 19:6
  
4. Participating in the heavenly liturgy (SC 8)

5. Centrality of the liturgy to the life of the Church

a. SC 7, 10

b. Compare with Exodus 3:18



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6. Proper disposition and cooperation with grace (SC 11)

7. Relationship between the liturgy and the devotional life (SC 12)

8. “[F]ully conscious and active participation” (SC 14)

**Liturgical Instruction and Active Participation**

1. Phrase “active participation” came from the 1903 Moto Proprio *Tra le Sollecitudini* by Pope Pius X

2. What does it mean to be full? (SC 14)

a. Every member has a proper part/role to fulfill.

3. What does it mean for that participation to be conscious? (*SC 14*)

a. We must have an awareness or knowledge of what is happening.

b. Who are the primary educators? (*SC 15-19*)

4. What does it mean to be active? (*SC 14*)

a. Being first properly prepared, we participate in an interior and exterior manner that engages (“man fully alive”).

5. Proper to needs of area and capabilities of the pastor (*SC 19*)

6. Openness to the new capabilities of the times: *Aggiornamento* (*SC 20*)