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Overcoming the Dichotomy Between Faith and Everyday Life: Vatican II and the Seeds of the 'Culture of Encounter'

Part of Vatican II at 60 Lecture Series

Gaudium et spes, the final document of Vatican II, proposes a dramatic shift in how the church engages the world. Chief among its concerns is the “dichotomy between faith and everyday life,” or how people may compartmentalize their faith and reduce the scope of their discipleship. This presentation will discuss some of the key themes in this document, its influence over the last 60 years, and how it informs the vision of the “culture of encounter” that calls Christians to come together to practice dialogue and collaboration in the pursuit of solidarity.

Thursday, Sep. 18, 2025

7:00 PM Bellarmine Chapel (Xavier University)

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