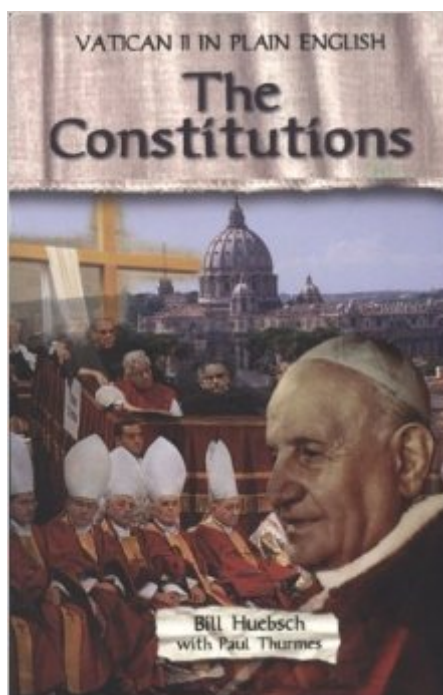# The Constitutions (Vatican II In Plain English)

Synopsis

This book presents the complete text and interesting background for all four Vatican II constitutions in sense lines. The specific documents are: The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, The Dogmatic Constitutions on Divine Revelation, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, and The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. By making Vatican II material more readable, it can also be used for prayer and reflection. Brief summaries of all 16 Vatican II documents are also presented.

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