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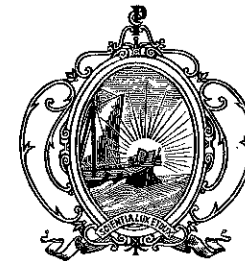
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“Freedom is a system based on courage.” *Charles Péguy*

“Whatever you can do or dream, you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now.” *Goethe*

“Caught by the rain outside, sheltering under a tree waiting for a clearing, I started weeping bitterly. Shall I be forever a poor, lonely fellow, dragging my bags hither and thither, having no friend, despoiled of everything, an orphan? ‘Dominus autem assumpsit me’: these tears: will God notice them? Will he show himself as a Father?” *Yves Congar*

“As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.” *Ps 17:15*

“Only the eternal is always appropriate and always present, is always true.” *Søren Kierkegaard*

“The Second Vatican Council was a providential event, whereby the Church began the more immediate preparation for the Jubilee of the Second Millennium... No Council had ever spoken so clearly about Christian unity, about dialogue with non-Christian religions, about the specific meaning of the Old Covenant with Israel, about the dignity of each person’s conscience... The best preparation for the new millennium, therefore, can only be expressed in a renewed commitment to apply, as faithfully as possible, the teachings of Vatican II to the life of every individual and of the whole Church.”

Pope John Paul II, Tertio Millennio Adveniente, 10 November 1994

“With the Great Jubilee the Church was introduced into the new millennium carrying in her hands the Gospel, applied to the world through the authoritative re-reading of Vatican Council II. Pope John Paul II justly indicated the Council as a ‘compass’ with which to orient ourselves in the vast ocean of the third millennium. I too, as I start in the service that is proper to the Successor of Peter, wish to affirm with force my decided will to pursue the commitment to enact Vatican Council II... Precisely this year is the 40th anniversary of the conclusion of this conciliar assembly (8 December 1965). With the passing of time, the conciliar documents have not lost their timeliness; their teachings have shown themselves to be especially pertinent to the new exigencies of the Church and the present globalized society.”

Pope Benedict XVI, First Message in the Sistine Chapel, Rome, 20 April 2005

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