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Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation [CDR], *Dei verbum* [DV], 18 November 1965.  

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Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [CSL], *Sacrosanctum concilium* [SC], 4 December 1963.  

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Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, *Nostra aetate* [NA], 28 October 1965.  
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Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church, *Ad gentes* [AG], 7 December 1965.


Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests, *Presbyterorum oOrdinis* [PO], 7 December 1965.


Decree on Priestly Training, *Optatam totius* [OT], 28 October 1965.


Decree Concerning the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church, *Christus Dominus* [CD], 28 October 1965.


Decree on the Media of Social Communications, *Inter mirifica* [IM], 4 December 1963.


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