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"Vatican II for the Next Generation" conference debuts today

OTTAWA, September 27, 2012 – The "Vatican II for the Next Generation" conference takes place at Saint Paul University from September 27 to 29, 2012. Organized by the Research Centre on Vatican II and 21st Century Catholicism, this conference will mark the 50th anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council.

At the event, many distinguished guests will focus on a number of theological and ecclesiological issues. As of today, 275 participants have registered and the conference is at full capacity.

Special guests include several bishops and theologians who contributed to the Council between 1962 and 1965. The "Vatican II for the Next Generation" conference has a vast program and three main lectures:

"Vatican II: A Vision for the Future, a Pedagogy of Faith, a Way to Resolve Particular Questions"
Christoph Theobald, SJ, Professor of Fundamental and Dogmatic Theology at Centre Sèvres, Paris
Thursday, September 27, 2012
Auditorium
7 p.m.

"Vatican II: A Council of Justice and Peace"
Cardinal Peter Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in Rome
Friday, September 28, 2012
Laframboise Chapel
7:30 p.m.

"Setting the Agenda for the Church of the Twenty-first Century"
Richard R. Gaillardetz, Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College
Saturday, September 29, 2012
Auditorium
3:30 p.m.

On September 28, 2012, the Chancellor of Saint Paul University, The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, and the Rector, Dr. Chantal Beauvais will confer the degree of doctor honoris causa to Cardinal Peter Turskon, President of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace at 7:30 p.m. in the Laframboise Chapel at Saint Paul University.

For more information, please consult the Conference webpage here.

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