

Praise for *Exploring Vatican II Treasures*

“Forty years ago, Fr. Kroeger and myself were priest-students working on our doctorates in Rome. I knew him then as a practical scholar, a missionary through and through, who loved the Lord and the Church. These same qualities shine through his excellent ‘bird’s-eye-view’ of all aspects of the Council, especially its influential voices and the inspired texts that still startle, refresh, and stir our hearts today. A great resource for people of all backgrounds!”

—**Msgr. John Zenz**, Priest-in-Solidum for West Maple Family
of Parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit



“Fr. Kroeger’s *Exploring Vatican II Treasures* is itself a treasure. More than a survey of documents, the book contains delightful chapters on the fascinating people and themes that composed the council. Short, punchy passages illuminate why Vatican II is, as recent popes have declared, ‘a spring that becomes a river’ as well as a ‘gift of the Spirit’ and ‘a compass’ to take the church into the third millennium. Catechists, preachers, thoughtful Catholics everywhere: get yourself a copy! May this book be a blessing for the church!”

—**Alice Camille**, author of *Invitation to Catholicism*
and “Testaments” columnist in *U.S. Catholic Magazine*



“Jim Kroeger calls the chapters of this little book ‘appetizers’—small, tasty bits to whet our appetites for deeper appreciation of Vatican II. And so they are! Although Vatican II happened over sixty years ago, it remains a rich banquet to savor and enjoy and to be nourished by. Jim has done us a great favor in providing these tasty tidbits of facts, vignettes, and cameo portraits to prepare us to enjoy the council’s richness. I envision myself tasting one of these tiny treats every morning along with my scripture reading and morning prayer. It will be a great way to start off my day!”

—**Stephen Bevans, SVD**, Louis J. Luzbetak, SVD, Professor of Mission and Culture, Emeritus, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago



“*Exploring Vatican II Treasures* provides a ready reference to the spirit and numerous details of this Council. A diligent student of this Council, like myself, will find incredible breadth and review of the salient parts of this Council, including some of the major thinkers, that has called the Church to be an evangelical community set in a secularizing, empire-building world. I especially recommend this to the novice in Catholic studies. It will inform you of what we do and believe, and why.”

—**Fr. Robert J. Keller, O.P.**, Chaplain and adjunct theology professor, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI





“Kroeger offers the wisdom, gifts, and excitement of Vatican II in a user-friendly style. An excellent resource for schools, parishes and anyone interested in the renewal of the Church.”

—**Anne Hansen**, Executive Director, Ignatians West, Los Angeles



“What a find! Every single page of this happily conceived collection contains an accessible and well-framed glimpse into the wonder that is the Second Vatican Council. Like a seasoned guide, Fr. Kroeger knows all the best spots, and points them out with verve as he leads the reader along a quick and thoroughly enjoyable tour.”

—**Edward P. Hahnenberg**, author of *A Concise Guide to the Documents of Vatican II* and other titles. John Carroll University, Cleveland OH



“*Exploring Vatican II Treasures* immerses you in the spirit, energy, and hope of Vatican II. Through the 50 vignettes you will reflect on the vision of the Council—and the people who shaped it—and the profound impact Vatican II has had—and continues to have—on the Church and our lives as Catholics. Use *Exploring Vatican II Treasures* for personal enrichment, study groups, courses, a year of parish renewal, and much more. Let the spirit of Vatican II transform you and your community.”

—**John Roberto**, Executive Director, National Community of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL)