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Walking towards Unity: What Remains to Be Done, Reflection and Challenges. The 60th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council

Message from the Guest Editor

In today's ecumenical situation, it is important that Christians living in different communities move together towards unity and do together whatever it is possible to do together. This perspective is particularly close to the heart of Pope Francis, who expressed his ecumenical conviction with the succinct words: "Unity will not come as a miracle in the end". It is crucial that unity grows along the way and that being on the way means already putting unity into practice. What matters today is to intensify this perspective and to live it concretely. Be together on the way to ecumenical unity.

On the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, we would like to continue our journey and, in the light of the Council documents, reflect on how and how far we have come on this ecumenical journey and what challenges lie ahead. In this reflection, which focuses on the reception of the Council, we will approach, through various articles, the model of communion and unity that emerges from the Council's constitutions, decrees and declarations and the ecumenical dimension of these documents, to see the repercussions they have had both in ecumenical dialogues and in the life of the Church.

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