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Material Religion, Popular Belief and Catholic Devotional Practice in the Age of Vatican II (c. 1948–c. 1998): Global Perspectives

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Topics which might be covered include popular religious literature and its content (and how this may have changed over time); letters sent to both Catholic publications and mainstream newspapers about the practicalities of adapting to religious change; the content and use of popular prayer books; holy cards: their iconography and use; oral histories which recall what it was like to have attended Mass in Latin all one's life and then transfer to liturgy in the vernacular; reactions to the reordering of churches; catechetical practices; a comparative study of popular hymnody during this period; domestic piety in a period of change; the practice of pilgrimage; Eucharistic piety, holy hours and Corpus Christi processions; devotions to the Virgin Mary and the saints and what impact (if any) Vatican II had on these practices; popular religious practices and rituals surrounding the commemoration and burial of the dead; memorial cards and their use; membership of confraternities and their related duties; how the lived reality of post-Vatican II Catholics was viewed by other faiths, both within and without Christianity (and, especially, by members of the Jewish faith)...

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