

Maria Voce on Vatican Council II

"Encountering God through the love of our brethren",
the path of Evangelization we need to follow
to implement the teachings of the Council.

The Focolare Movement welcomes the invitation launched by Pope Benedict XVI during the solemn celebration that marked the opening of the Year of Faith and the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council: to face the common task of making the beauty of the faith shine out in our time with the same "emotional tension" of the Council Fathers.

Church-communion, application of the Gospel in everyday life, dialogue, communion between priests and laity, the role of women, the importance of life in society, are some of the principles developed by Vatican Council II and in some way, already present in the life of the Focolare Movement since its very beginning.

"The challenges still ahead" says Maria Voce, President of the Focolare Movement "are those concerned with implementing the teachings indicated by the Council and with making the knowledge and the novelty found in the conciliar documents become more widespread. In a population of believers, the maturity of the laity should contribute significantly to the valuable work of passing on the principles of Vatican II"

Maria Voce is participating as an auditor at the session of the Synod of Bishops on "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian faith."

"Humanity" continues to say Maria Voce "needs to encounter God through the love of our brethren. This is the path of evangelization perceived by Chiara Lubich and endorsed by the members of the Focolare Movement: a commitment lived in everyday life, alongside others and intended to achieve anytime and anywhere Jesus' prayer to the Father, 'that all may be one', which means making humanity become one family even now, in our time".

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