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## *Abbreviations*

### Titles of Documents of the Second Vatican Council

- AA *Apostolicam Actuositatem*: The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity
- AG *Ad Gentes*: The Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity
- GS *Gaudium et Spes*: The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World
- LG *Lumen Gentium*: The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church
- OT *Optatam Totius*: The Decree on the Training of Priests
- PO *Presbyterorum Ordinis*: The Decree on the Life and Ministry of Priests
- SC *Sacrosanctum Concilium*: The Constitution on the Sacred