

# Basic Detail Report

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**Bishops gather at the Second Vatican**

**Council, an event announced by Pope John XXIII shortly after his election**

**Date**

1969-1979

**Medium**

gelatin silver print

**Description**

The II Vatican Council formally opened under the pontificate of Pope John XXIII on 11 October 1962 and closed under Pope Paul VI on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1965. An estimated 2,500 Catholic bishops attended from all over the world.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 20.6 x 30.3 cm (8 1/8 x 12 in.)