Exploring the Way from Council to NEW Rite

“All exploration is an act of transgressing boundaries.” Lesley Hazleton
“Far from radical…some of the most prominent bishops and theologians…called for a reform of the Church in accordance with the council documents…(in terms of)…

- liturgical reform
- implementation of collegiality— in light of the new ecclesiology
- limitation of juridicism in the Church
- reform of the Roman Curia
- opening to the modern world
- deepening of ecumenical dialogue.”

Faggioli, Massimo (2012-06-04). Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning
New Wine BURSTS Old Skins!

Is this what caused the fierce conservative backlash to Vatican II?
Why Do We Continue to Waste SO MUCH Time, Talent, Energy Trying to RE-FORM Each Other in the Roman Rite? Does the Fight Excite So Much that We Fail to See…

Maybe WE NEED Separate Rites?
IS THIS REALLY A GOOD IDEA?

Forcing Roman AND Vatican II Diverse Understandings of Theology, Liturgy, and Governance into one Catholic Melting Pot?
MUST THE ROMAN RITE BE FORCED TO CONTAIN THE ENTIRE EXPRESSION OF CATHOLICITY...

...WHEN UNIFORMITY IS NOT THE WAY OF THE SPIRIT OR THE TRADITION OF THE CHURCH?
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We need new wine skins for Vatican II wine!
Pope Benedict XVI: Only 2 interpretations of Vatican II are possible...

1. Continuity through Uniformity
2. Discontinuity and Rupture

A Third Interpretation might be…

CONTINUITY    DIVERSITY?
Catholicism is More Diverse than its Roman Expression

Not Just Cultural Diversity or Liturgical Diversity

BUT ALSO

Diversity of Inter-independent RITES, The same kind of diversity that would be needed for a Vatican II Rite!

20+ Eastern Rites in union with Rome
The Catholic Church has always had a tradition of brother rites stemming back to Peter and Paul when they agreed to disagree on their visions for the Church.  
◦ (See Acts of the Apostles)

Without Paul’s vision, Christianity would have remained within Judaism. We are the recipients of Paul's diversion in vision for the Church.  (Read ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE WE LOVE TO HATE by Karen Armstrong.)
Diversity is a Catholic Tradition from before the Church of Rome
Yves Congar, O.P. says
“Tradition is…
“a LIVING Communication”
“a LIVING Conservation of the Truth”
“a LIVING Synthesis”
“a LIVING Fidelity”
“a Life Force”
“a Living Memory”

“Tradition advances toward the future.”

“Tradition is both conservative and creative.”
Catholicism NEEDS Other Rites!

- They see things differently.
- They challenge each other to think anew.
- They maintain an inter-independence which keeps absolute power in check.
- Rome still remains elder sibling of the family Catholic.
RITE: More than just Differences in Liturgy!

- Liturgy, Sacraments
- Theology Doctrinal Interpretation
- Governance, Including canon law
Eastern Rites in communion with Rome can have married priests whereas the Roman Rite cannot.

So a Vatican II rite can have different canon laws for marriage, ordination, governance, sexuality, etc.
Maybe ROME and 20+ Other Catholic Rites Need at least one sister Rite.

Ordain Men ONLY!

Ordain Men & Women!
Eastern Rites have a more mystical, less scholastic approach to theology than the Roman Rite.

So, VATICAN II RITE THEOLOGY would have its own Theological Interpretations...
Can these 2 very different styles of Governance ever meld into one?

Roman Rite Catholicism
Tiered responsibility

Vatican II concept of “collegiality”
Shared responsibility

WHY WE ALSO NEED A VATICAN II RITE!
“There is no principle or doctrine of Catholic faith, nor any canonical provision that prevents the establishment of new (governing) structures...(like the Eastern Rites).

(This) could be a way of solving what Joseph Ratzinger rightly called ‘extreme centralization.’

It would...promote the inculturation of the Gospel...open up a more effective way for evangelization.”

Source: Archbishop John R. Quinn, author: *Ever Ancient, Ever New: Structures of Communion in the Church*
The Key Question for any Catholic Rite

“To what degree does the rite make visible and carry on the relevant experience of Jesus Christ and the apostles?”
After 50 years of study of and isolated short-term implementation of Vatican II Council documents,

After 30 years trying to meld Vatican II into Roman Rite resulting in strongly increased polarization and loss of faithful Catholics both young and old, as well as loss of vocations to the Church,

After endless harassment, condemnations, investigations, silencing, and excommunications of individual priests, sisters, theologians, religious and lay organizations due to unresolved polarization after Vatican II Council.

Where do you go from here?
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Should the Church leave Good Old Wine in its Old Skins…

AND

Let the Holy Spirit call forth the PEOPLE of GOD to make a New Rite for New Wine?
Exploring the Possibility of Vatican II as a New Rite

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