

## DECREE ON THE MEDIA OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

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Prior to Vatican II, Church leaders had viewed modern mass media primarily as a corrupting influence. Now, the Council Fathers see the possibility of using mass media as a tool of evangelization and catechesis.

They encourage all of the following: (#14)

- establishment of a Catholic press
- production of Catholic films
- support for Catholic radio and television programs
- establishment of Catholic radio and television stations