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APPENDICES

Concerning the Study of Chapter VIII of *Lumen Gentium* Compared with Some of the Texts Involved in Its Preparation

Note:

The complete study of this matter was made by Giuseppe M. Besutti, O.S.M., *Lo Schema Mariano al Concilio Vaticano II* (Rome: Marianum/Desclée, 1966; 286 pp.).

Since 1966, all the texts which Father Besutti used have now been officially published by the Vatican. Provided here—as a fitting supplement to the papers presented at the MSA Convention of 1986—are: the original (1962) Schema on the Blessed Virgin which was ultimately rejected by the Council Fathers, both in Latin and in an English translation by Rev. James T. O'Connor; the final Latin text of Chapter VIII of *Lumen Gentium* with demonstration—by means of printing techniques and explanatory notes—of the history of the revisions made on it by the Council Fathers (prepared by Rev. Charles W. Neumann, S.M.); a new English translation of Chapter VIII (preceded by Latin texts cited in the footnotes of the document given in full and also translated in the English version) made by Fathers Jelly, O'Connor, and Neumann; a helpful synopsis of the chapters of *Lumen Gentium* with a summary of Chapter VIII of *Lumen Gentium* (both produced by Fr. Neumann); and some reflections of Rev. T. William Coyle, C.Ss.R., on the contact and experience he and other U.S. theologians had with the American bishops at Vatican II relative to the discussion and vote on whether to treat the Blessed Virgin Mary as a part of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church or in a separate document.