Abstract
Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Peter Pfister, in his role as President of the Federal Conference of Ecclesiastical Archives of Germany (Bundeskonferenz der kirchlichen Archive Deutschlands), initiated a survey in 2011 to analyze the current situation of the collections on the Second Vatican Council in the German ecclesiastical archives. The results of the survey show a considerable improvement in such archives regarding the level of quality and the processing and accessibility of existing documentation on the Council.

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