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Jarod Gabello, 17, and Jill Yanus, 15, of St. Thomas the Apostle Church

of the Mass, then teaching the history about it is irrelevant and slightly boring," Higbee commented.

Liz agreed that liturgical changes due to Vatican II are meaningless "if you don't understand what's really going on in Mass."

At the same time, Higbee emphasized that Vatican II is important enough that he hopes to include the subject as part of a contemporary-issues discussion group he would like to form at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Caitlin, for one, said she would embrace the opportunity to learn more about Vatican II.

"Maybe they should just have a class we can take independently. I would be interested in that, and I know a lot of my friends would be interested," Caitlin said.

Although Jill has limited knowledge of the subject, she and Jarod have recently experienced one changeover that stemmed from Vatican II: reception of the blood of Christ. According to Higbee, the practice was only instituted at St. Thomas the Apostle in the past year.

Both Jarod and Jill admit to some hesitation in adjusting to this new practice: Jarod said he occasionally drinks from the cup, whereas Jill said she would like to begin doing so in the near future.

"I do take going to Communion seriously. It's cool that we're taking in the body of Christ and the blood of Christ," Jill said.

Attempting to make this change, Jill said, makes her appreciate how much some Catholics may have struggled with new church policies shortly following Vatican II.

"You grow up learning things one way,

and all of a sudden they're changing everything," Jill said.

In many cases, though, Vatican II responded to movements in the church that had been urging changes for decades. Those changes occurred in such areas as ecumenism — greater cooperation with other faith denominations — and liturgical reform.

Indeed, many people welcomed the changes that emerged from the council. Jarod, for example, said his parents are happy that Masses are no longer said in Latin.

"They said that we're very lucky to go to church and have a Mass in English," he remarked.

At the same time, Jarod noted that the reforms were not embraced universally, and that this fact holds true for some Catholics even today. Yet he also said the changes should be followed because the highest church authorities have approved them.

"It's got to take hold — because if it's the truth, it's the truth," Jarod said. "If it has relevance, it's got to be listened to."

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