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If the catholic social doctrine shall efficiently contribute to the organization of the global order, it must find worldwide diffusion. I therefore support the work of Ordo socialis.
Reinhard Cardinal Marx, Archbishop of Munich-Freising

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Ordo socialis – Who we are

Ordo socialis is a scientific association which brings the Christian social doctrine to the public – in Germany and throughout the world.

With the growing globalization the organization of the civil society must go along with a more mature conscience for the new tasks which are their vocation on the worldwide level. Compendium of the social doctrine of the church no. 366

Ordo socialis was founded as independent association and scientific subsidiary of the Association of Catholic Entrepreneurs (Bund Katholischer Unternehmer – BKU) following an international congress in Rome. In November 1985 cardinals, bishops, scientists, entrepreneurs, politicians, trade unionists and other persons from 35 countries met there in order to discuss the subject “Church and economy in the responsibility of the future of the world economy”. The then Pope John Paul II as well as the cardinals Agostino Casaroli, Joseph Höffner and Joseph Ratzinger presented their ideas and thesis on “The world economy in the light of the catholic social teaching”. Already at that time appeared the questions, problems and challenges which later on were summarized under the notion of globalization.

As a result of this very remarkable congress Ordo socialis was founded on the initiative of BKU of Germany.

Africa needs to be born again in the virtues and values of authentic love, true justice and peace and this will be possible if we make the Christian Social Doctrine part and parcel of Christian lives. Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Nduku, Nairobi – Kenya

Ordo socialis: Our task

The global world faces human beings with big challenges. The financial and economic crisis has made clear that by irresponsible and disordered behavior and activity can be generated immense and at the same time threatening conflicts. Poverty and richness in the world become a more and more serious problem. The

developments of the climate are alarming. Terror and religious fanaticism threaten the peaceful living together. The world has become disordered. Often this goes along with the loss of value orientations.

A morality which thinks to pass over the expert knowledge of economic legal regulations is not morality but moralization, thus the contrary of morality. Expert knowledge which thinks not need ethics is misunderstanding of the reality of the human being and therefore subjectivity Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

Ordo socialis has chosen as task to perform within its facilities its own contribution to the solution of the problems. Without freedom, democracy, social market economy and social justice the conflicts cannot be resolved. Social justice means that the human beings have the right to participate in the political, economic, social and cultural shaping of their community. To the right of self-determination corresponds the obligation of personal responsibility. Persons who cannot help themselves by own strength are entitled to the help of the community Pope Benedict XVI clearly declares in his Encyclical “Caritas in veritate”: “Solidarity means above all that everyone feels responsible for everyone.”

Economics is neither the sole nor the highest objective of the human being. Of higher rank are dignity and freedom of the human beings, marriage and family, religion and morality and the last objective and end of all things – God Himself. The tentative to demolish this ranking and to transform the higher values into objects of economic procedures would be technocracy and lowering of the human being. Joseph Cardinal Höffner

In Germany and in Europe we have long and good experiences concerning ideas of values and orientation which have been developed by the Christian social doctrine. They can be useful help for the understanding and solution of the complicated problems in a global world. We therefore offer texts on these subjects from different authors from different countries and in many languages. In this way we wish to build up an international electronic library on the voluminous subjects of the Christi-

an social doctrine. Here we use above all the modern electronic communication instruments in order to permit as many as possible interested people in many countries the access free of charge to texts which we offer. That is our spiritual contribution to the order of the present complicated and global world.

Peace is the central claim of all religions. In order to develop its peace creating potential Christianity – like all religions – must direct its efforts to a modern, enlightened towards the rights to freedom orientated understanding of peace and conflicts. Prof. Dr. Markus Vogt, Munich

Scientific Council

We wish to act on a worldwide level. We therefore need the support by experts from many countries. The exchange of knowledge and opinions is essential for a worldwide dialogue. In order to be in a position to fulfill this task Ordo socialis has created a scientific council. The council is charged to propose appropriate subjects and texts from different countries for publication and to introduce its advice into the dialogue. Moreover, we have the intention to hold an international conference with the members of the council in regular intervals. With such personal meetings and exchange of opinions we wish to support the dialogue on present and future subjects.

“Living the social teaching will generate hope. This way everybody can find strength to further through his work a new social justice. One can state: the application of the social teaching of the Church contains a mystique. I repeat: a mystique.” Pope Francis, video message of November 21, 2013.

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