



Honoured Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear members of Ordo socialis,

June 2015

Today I would like to inform you by this summer-newsletter about the activities of the first half year!

In January, the Board of Ordo socialis met with the new archbishop of Cologne, **Cardinal Woelki**. The idea of this meeting was the presentation of the aims and work of Ordo socialis to find out possibilities of cooperation with the Diocese Cologne. As a result of this meeting, the Board took up the recommendation from Cardinal Woelki and wrote letters to **all bishops and archbishops** on the Federal level to make known the activities of Ordo socialis to the members of the Bishops' Conference.

The jury awarding the **Ordo Socialis Prize 2015** has decided to honour **Oscar Andres Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga** this year. This sees an important Catholic personality being honoured who for many years has been engaged in spreading and realizing important themes of Christian Social Teaching. Special mention should be made of his forceful standing up for social justice and the poor. With great courage and persistence has Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga fought for improving the living conditions of under-privileged people.

Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga was born on December 29, 1942, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. In 1993, he was elevated archbishop of the archbishopric Tegucigalpa. From 1995 to 1999, he served as President of the Latin American Bishop's Council (CELAM). John Paul II included him in the Cardinals' Committee on February 21, 2001. His motto reads: Mihi vivere Christus – To me life is Christ. (more at www.ordosocialis.de "News").

The **presentation of the award** is scheduled for **autumn**. Unfortunately, an exact date has not yet been fixed. You will be informed about it separately. At the same time, this year's **Members' Assembly** is due to take place.

March 4-5, 2016, at the Catholic-Social Institute in Bad Honnef, an international conference will take place on the topic "**Millennium's Aims of Development and the Post-2015-Agenda as a Challenge to the World Church**" in cooperation with the Catholic-Social Institute and Ordo socialis. To the Church global poverty again and again is a challenge to take seriously the social dimension of the Gospel and to further develop its social teachings. In this millennium's aims of development, for which the community of nations has set halving poverty as an aim before 2015, among others, is reason enough to take stock from a perspective of the Church. The idea is to learn from successes and deficits for the Post-2015-Process. At this thematic conference, besides the topics poverty, education, economics and health, we also want to deal with the ecological questions and concerns of humankind with nature as asked for by Pope Francis in his recently published encyclical on the environment *Laudato si* for the world community.

Website:

The following new texts have been added to our website so far this year:

Aspe Armella, Maria Luisa

- Ante la pobreza, ¿cómo actuar? ([Spanish](#))

Gonzales, Dennis:

- New Measures for Justice, Ecological Wisdom, and Integral Development ([Englisch](#))

Maradiaga, Óscar Andrés Kardinal Rodríguez:

- The Vision of the Church on Education, Development and Social Change, erschienen im Don Bosco Verlag, München ([English](#))

Schallenberg, Peter:

- Ordnung und Ökonomie – Zu den christlichen Quellen der Sozialen Marktwirtschaft ([Deutsch](#))

Vogt, Markus: (Translations financed and organized by Ordo socialis)

- **Wie werden Werte geschaffen**, published in *Politische Studien* 457, Hanns Seidel Stiftung, 65. Jahrgang, September-Oktober 2014. ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#))
- **Weltstaatlichkeit und Weltbürgergesellschaft**, published in: Stetter, S. (Hg.): *Leben in der Weltgesellschaft – Regieren im Weltstaat* (Schriften der Universität der Bundeswehr Bd. 7), München 2014, 52-59. ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#))
- **Das Prinzip Nachhaltigkeit und seine Umsetzung in Deutschland** ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#))

Zamagni, Stefano:

- Prosperity, Poverty and the Responsibility of Business ([English](#))
- How the Global Economy Fosters Human Trafficking ([English](#))

We wish you and your families a pleasant summer, happy holidays and all the best...
be seeing you at the members' meeting!!!

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