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Archbishop of Paderborn

Indeed, the spirit of the European Integration Project resonates fully with the Social Doctrine of the Church. Upholding a vision of dignity, the common good, solidarity and subsidiarity, becomes a beacon on a hill for our times. But like yeast mixed with flour, our social teaching seeks to leaven the entire dough.

The Social Institute *Kommende Dortmund* is excited to celebrate an annual summer school on Catholic Social Teaching, inviting seminarians particularly from Central and Eastern Europe focusing the Church's role in serving civil society and establishing a *civilization of love*.

Alumni of the Social Academy have already developed a proper faith-based, socially-oriented, and community-building youth movement, which gives life to local communities of young Christians serving the »Gospel of Hope« (*Ecclesia in Europa*) — as leaven for a »new Europe«. I cordially invite you to participate.

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Social Academy for seminarians
from Central and Eastern Europe

JULY 15 – AUGUST 2, 2019

Social Institute »Kommende Dortmund«
Spiritual Centre »Maria Immaculata«, Paderborn

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HOW TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR ACCESS AND REQUEST

There are two steps necessary to participate. A candidate must:
(I.) request and obtain the bishops or seminary rectors approval of an agreement to access the Social Academy; and (II.) submit a request for participation to the director of the Social Institute »Kommende Dortmund«. A party can take these two steps at the same time, in one document, or in separate phases.

FORMAL REQUIREMENT

The Application for Access to the Social Academy must include:

- written in English
- dated and signed by the requesting candidate
- certificate of termination of the 3rd year of major seminary
- the bishops or seminary rectors approval
- requested till 31st March, 2019

FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Once the Application for Access has been approved, the candidate will receive confirmation by the Social Institute, which includes also a scholarship covering the postage and 50 % of travel costs.



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Without a doubt, the European unification process is one of the most important success stories of the last century. Former enemies are bound together in friendship, the history of contradiction and war is being transformed into a liaison of partnership, and the diversity of culture, language and mentality is no longer an obstacle, but an opportunity for mutual enrichment. The disposition of reconciliation and reciprocal understanding is a gift, but also a challenge. Our mission as Christians is to resist egocentric temptations and nationalistic fragmentations. As Pope Francis said on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome, »Europe finds hope when man is the centre and the heart of her institutions«. He also warned against the temptation to reduce the founding ideals of the Union to productive, economic and financial needs.
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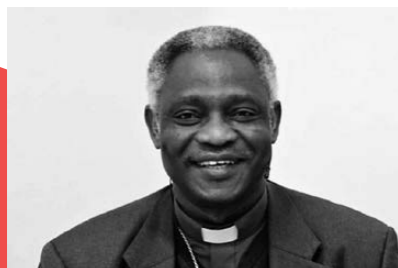
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WHEN CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING SPEAKS, IT SEEKS CONVERSATION. IT DOES NOT INTEND TO EXPRESS ITSELF IN THE FORM OF A MONOLOGUE, BUT TO BE A LISTENING PARTICIPANT IN THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL CONVERSATION. IT WISHES TO MODEL AND TO SPEAK OF FRATERNITY AND SOLIDARITY. IN THIS CONVERSATION THE CHURCH WISHES TO HEAR THE RESPONSE OF THOSE WHO DAILY TAKE UP POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS TASKS. SHE WANTS TO HEAR HOW YOU SEE THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT, HOW YOU UNDERSTAND THE GRIEF AND SORROW, HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THOSE WHOM YOU SERVE. THE HEALTH OF OUR BODY POLITIC DEPENDS ON SUCH EXCHANGES BETWEEN POLITICS AND FAITH. WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THESE CONVERSATIONS? TO FOSTER A COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES WHERE LOVE, CARE, SOLIDARITY, CREATIVITY, RESPONSIBILITY, LEADERSHIP, FAIRNESS AND CLOSENESS PREVAIL.



Cardinal Peter Kodwo Turkson

GIVE EUROPE A SOUL

Since 2007 the Social Institute Kommende Dortmund has been offering a summer school for seminarians from Central and Eastern Europe under the motto "Give Europe a soul". What began as a courageous experiment at the time today is a firmly implemented and highly demanded offer in the education of priests. From the beginning this offer was supported by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. Funded by the AKSB and the episcopal relief organization Renovabis, the Social Academy can build on the scientific support of the Theological Faculty of Paderborn. The great esteem for the Social Academy demonstrates the continued broad interest in social ethical issues within many local churches in Eastern and Central Europe.

The aim of the Social Academy is to train and educate in Christian social ethics in the context of the European unification process. Thus, after finishing the social academy many alumni are in contact with each other and with the Kommende Dortmund. In the meantime, a large international network of more than 230 seminarians and priests has been created, who are committed to the social formation of a united Europe. In recent years, three major alumni congresses have been held in collaboration with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace: 2012 in Ariccia (near Rome), 2014 in Zakopane (Poland) and 2018 in Brussels (Belgium).

In the last few years, more than 230 seminarians from 16 countries participated successfully in the Social Academy »Giving Europe a Soul«. Before the founding of the Social Academy, 80 deacons from the major seminary in Alba Iulia, Romania, participated in a 4 week summer school about social ethics in the Social Institute »Kommende Dortmund«.

»It has been a marvelous experience for me, getting to know like-minded people and to discover the Church's social commitment and impact on society. I was excited by the awe-inspiring atmosphere among our group of seminarians from different countries. I take home the courage of social commitment to societal needs, for the benefit of the Church and the people. I am very grateful for the shared experiences and for wonderful peers I met. I take with me glorious memories for dealing with difficult times in the future.«



Eduard-Cristian David (Romania)
Participant in 2018

