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KOLPING NEWS From Around The World

COLOGNE

European Kolping Youth receives European Civic Award

On May 12, 2009, the European Parliament announced the 37 persons and associations respectively that received the European Civic Prize which was awarded for the first time. Fortunately, on this list there is also the European Kolping Youth, which in the last few years has developed a vast array of activities at the European level. Entitled to make proposals for the awarding were the members of the European Parliament, the parliamentary groups, and the president. For the bestowal of the award, such organizations were taken into consideration, which initiated exemplary activities and actions for the promotion of a better mutual understanding and a strong integration between the peoples of the member states, or which by means of day-to-day actions promoted the values of hospitality, solidarity and tolerance, as well as organizations with model actions for supporting the countries and the peoples of the Third World. The European Kolping Youth can show exemplary actions in all areas and the president of Kolping Youth Europe, Matthias von Schlichtkrull-Guse, regards this awarding of the European Civic Prize, which is bestowed in the form of a medal of honour, also as an incentive for the future commitment.

GERMANY

The small seed of the Word of God can change the world

On June 14, 2009, the Diocesan Kolping Society of Münster celebrated its 150th anniversary. With its 42,000 members and more than 270 Kolping Families, it is the largest Diocesan Kolping Society of the International Kolping Society and had invited its members to Münster for a High Mass and a Family Day. The cathedral was filled up to the last place with the more than 4,000 participants and 200-head delegation of banners. Bishop Genn used his homily to remind the members of the humble beginnings of the Kolping Society in the diocese and referred to the impressive development of the Association in its history. He called on the members to trust in God's word and continue their commitment in politics and society and for the protection and the promotion of the family. "Let us open our hearts and let us trust in the little seed of the word of God that it may change the world. Please do not lessen your efforts!" After the Mass the members met on

the cathedral square for a joyful family feast with information stands on the activities of the different Kolping Families and facilities and adopted the "Münster Declaration" with current socio-political demands of the Association on the Social and Family Policies.

AUSTRIA

Kolping House Götzis reopened after restructuring

On May 8, 2009, the Kolping House Götzis was solemnly reopened in the presence of the Governor of the province of Vorarlberg, Mr. Herbert Sausgruber, of the Bishop of Feldkirchen, H. G. Elmar Fischer, as well as the leadership of the Kolping Society of Austria. The Kolping House, which was renovated with a cost of 3.5 million Euros, in the future will offer space for 36 homeless people of all ages. In his welcoming address, the governor of the province stressed the special place which the Kolpingwerk has in the Vorarlberg network for the homeless. Along with assuming the task for people with psychological and social problems, the Kolping House is also a meeting point for the life of the Kolping Family, which with its around 100 members unfolds a lively associational life.

AUSTRIA

Living together – Laying of the foundation stone for a house of the generations

On June 3, 2009, the foundation stone for a new Kolping House was laid in Vienna Leopoldstadt, which continues the successful idea of "living together". As in "Vienna 10", the new Kolping House is to correspond to the concept of generation-spanning co-habitation. 190 places in a nursing home unit for the elderly, 30 apartments for senior citizens for living independently, and 50 apartments for socially underprivileged mothers with their children are planned in the house, which will be completed by 2011. In the future the house is to also offer jobs for the long-time unemployed youths and a learning support for children with and without a background of migration. A public restaurant, a hall for events, and a chapel round off what the new Kolping House has to offer. A total of 29 million Euros will be invested into the house; a third of the construction costs will be borne by the City of Vienna.

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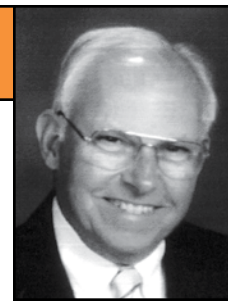
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From the President's Desk...



Current and Upcoming Events

My Kolping Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this article of the *Banner*, it is September 14 and I have not received my September issue of the *Banner*. I have been told that the printer had some type of technical issues. When you receive your copy you also won't find the picture I referred to concerning the school construction at Our Lady of Lourdes in Slidell, Louisiana. I personally delivered the photo to the printer but it was misplaced.

As for the construction at Our Lady of Lourdes, the laying of the brick is almost complete and I will try to keep you updated on further progress.

In eleven months the 2010 Convention in Cincinnati will be history, so I hope that you are planning to attend. The Cincinnati committee has had at least five planning meetings and are working to make your stay in Cincinnati memorable. In the coming months there will be more details described in the *Banner*.

The offer of a Kolping sweatshirt for every five new members by one current member is still being offered. With winter arriving in a few months, who couldn't use a nice warm sweatshirt.

Treu Kolping
Walter Amrein

The 2009 Annual Kolping Raffle

Dear Kolping Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, we are holding our annual raffle.

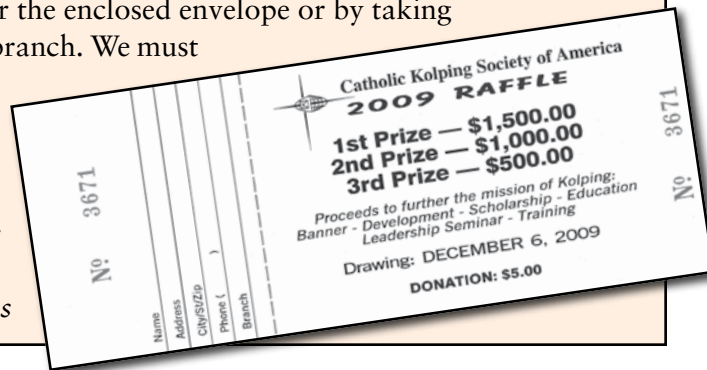
The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2009.

This year's drawing will award three money prizes, including a \$1,500.00 First Prize!

You should have or will be receiving your raffle mailing shortly. There are five (5) raffles valued at \$5.00 each. Please try to sell all the raffles for a total donation of \$25.00. Return your raffle ticket donations by using either the enclosed envelope or by taking them to your local branch. We must receive all returns by November 25, 2009.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Patricia Farkas





A Praeses Proclaims ...

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

By Fr. Fr. Paul Cao, Praeses of the Chicago Kolping Family

October is a special month in which the Church sets aside to pray the rosary or we call “the month of the Rosary.” The Church encourages the faithful to pray the Rosary in order to offer our world, our country, our family to Mary, the Mother of God.

On 13th of May 1917, there were three children: Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta were pasturing their sheep, about midday, as their custom, they prayed the Rosary. Suddenly they saw a brilliant light, and thinking it to be lightning, they decided to go home. But as they went down the slope another flash lit up the place, and they saw on the top of a tree, “a Lady more brilliant than the Sun,” from whose hands hung a white rosary. The Lady told the three little shepherds that it was necessary to pray much especially, pray the Rosary. The Lady appeared to them many times and at the last apparition, on October 13, with about 70,000 people present, the Lady said to them that she was the “Lady of the Rosary.”

The development of the rosary has a long history. First, a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus’ life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary’s giving the rosary to St. Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of St. Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as “the apostle of the rosary.” He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century the rosary was developed to its present form – with the 15 mysteries (joyful, sorrowful and glorious). In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus – his birth, life, death and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glories remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic letter *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary* says, “The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at a heart a Christ-centered prayer. It has all the depth of the gospel message in its entirety. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb...It can be said that the rosary is, in some sense, a prayer-commentary on the final chapter of the Vatican II Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, a chapter that discusses the wondrous presence of the Mother of God in the mystery of Christ and the Church.”

Pope John Paul II, on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 in his “General Audience” and especially when he addressed to young people, the sick and newlyweds, he says, “I invite you, dear *young people*, dear *sick people* and dear *newlyweds*, to recite with devotion this prayer that is so dear to the tradition of the Christian people. Abandon yourselves confidently in the hands of Mary, ceaselessly calling upon her with the Rosary, a prayerful meditation of the mysteries of Christ.”

May this month, the month of the rosary help us to realize the importance of praying the rosary in our daily life so that we may imitate Mary to be faithful to the Lord and through our devotion to Mary, our Mother, we come closer to her son, Jesus Christ.

*Our Lady of the Rosary,
Pray for Us!*

NEW YORK REPORTING



As we submit our mid-year report, we must confess that 2009 has been a most interesting year for us here in New York Kolping. The attendance at our Annual Meeting was excellent. The election of new members to the Board of Directors took only a few minutes. Three members of the senior board submitted their names for reelection for the three vacancies that were presented. Regarding the junior board, there were two vacancies, and the candidates presented themselves for the consideration of the membership.

The next item on the agenda was what everyone came to hear about. Since our available funds are invested in Wall Street operations, there was a lower value reported on same. However, since our investments are professionally managed to our satisfaction, there was no worse performance indicated than the market in general indicated. We are not invested in any way in extremely negative financial investments.

The Kolping House on 88th Street in Manhattan is doing well. We are 100% occupied all of the time. Our Kolping House in Bronx is doing well. We had one heavy expense during this past year, but were able to find same from our operating accounts. Presently when vacancies arise, we advertise same over the internet. Since the cost of living is so expensive in New York, young people desirous for starting a career are highly attracted to our Bronx residence. Two subway lines, plus an express bus service add to its attraction, as well as its being an attractive modern building with a modern

dining room and affordable maintenance.

Our property on the Hudson River is in good shape. With the celebration of the discovery of the Hudson River some 400 years by Henry Hudson, there will be activities throughout the state. We shall join the celebrations as well. Several of our

branches visited us during the summer months. Sharing history with them was a project for our research committee.

As for our national news, it was reported that a national office was being set up in the Rathskeller with the renovations paid out of the National Renaissance Fund. It was also reported that International Kolping will fund a grand writer's salary for one year. In addition, the archives of Kolping USA will be housed here.

Our kitchen on the Hudson has been reorganized. Our cooks are now advertising their menu for the weekends, months in advance, an advantage for both the membership and visitors who would like to spend a day in the country. A partnership committee has been set up with Habitat for Humanity to aid needy causes. We continue to represent Kolping International at the United Nations and reports were given of various society activities in countries where Kolping is now represented. We were encouraged to inform our secretary with e-mail addresses to make it easier to keep in touch. We were asked to consider both Kolping at 88th Street, as well as at Montrose, for our party planning needs.

Our Praeses, Fr. Bretone, reminded us in the closing of the meeting that in times such as we are presently going through that non-profit organizations like Kolping are called to do more in an economic environment than we might have done before. He suggested that we extend ourselves in whatever way that we can.

Our Kolping-on-Hudson tradi-

tionally opens on Mother's Day. Our thanks to our many volunteers who gave up their weekends during March, April and May to help get things organized, sanitized and beautifully presented for its 2009 premiere. Mother's Day arrived and the season officially opened. Some 200 dinners were served. New members were inducted into the society. We had the crowning of the Blessed Mother and the dedication of a new gatehouse. The occasion brought a number of firsts. Some of our members are antique car collectors. It was great to see these men bring their prize possessions up for the show. Medals were even awarded to these participants.

Our members decided that another first was in order. A flea market was organized. There were plenty of treasures, as well as arts and crafts for sale. Our ladies decided to have a bake sale. They spent their weekend days baking pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, etc. for the big event. In spite of a few drops of rain, there was an all-day barbecue and as the sun began to set, everyone went home knowing that a lot of planning and creativity went into the events, and the joys of accomplishment and appreciation.

The month of June brought Father's Day. We were even rewarded with some peeks at the sun and the children took over the playground. Father's Day brought another first. Fr. Bretone introduced us to his new dog, Buddy. Scholarship check awards were presented to our essay participant, Mission School, as well as St. Ignatius, who were awarded and rewarded for their accomplishments. Another great group of new members were sworn into the society and the last order of business was the drawing of the lucky ticket holders of our raffle.

And so dear members and readers, we conclude our report on what's happening in and at New York Kolping. We thank those branches that visited us during the summer months. And may God bless.

Jack McGee

CINCINNATI KOLPING

The Cincinnati Kolping Schuetzenfest 2009 was a wonderful success. We have never had such a large crowd for three days of our festival. The weather was perfect, no humidity and mild temperatures made the days for the festival unbelievable.

On Sunday the Schuetzenfest was opened at 3 p.m. with a parade of all the Schuetzen Club members. German societies were represented by their presidents and members who joined the parade. It was great to see everyone participating on this exciting day. Following the parade was the shooting of the eagle. All Schuetzen Club members are eligible to participate in the shooting. During this time there is also a shooting competition by the sons of Kolping members who are 12 to 16 years.

We are happy to announce the new king and his queen – King Paul Boehm and his wife, Queen Donna Boehm. King Paul and Queen Donna celebrated with everyone until the Schuetzenfest closed on Sunday evening. Also congratulations to the Junior King, Mitch Klosterman, and Junior Queen, Kirsten Nadler.

The next big event at Kolping was the Kolping Family Picnic on September 13. We had a band from Germany entertaining us. This band had come to Cincinnati for the Zinzinnati Oktobesfest in downtown Cincinnati the weekend of September 19 and 20. Again the Kolping had a booth selling all kinds of goodies, metts, brats, strudel, cream puffs, pretzels and much, much more.

Doris Wilke

Photos

Top: King Paul I & Queen Donna Boehm.

Bottom: Jr. King Mitch Klosterman and Jr. Queen Kristen Nadler.



DETROIT REPORTS FROM THE NAUTICAL MILE

We have good new and sad news to report this time! The good news is that our 75th Zapfenstreich and Schuetzenfest were successful. We were blessed with good weather. As our 2008 King Michael and Queen Linda Irlbacher ended their reign, King George and Queen Gertrude Krappmann started their reign as our 75th royal couple. Both Gertrude and George are long time Kolping members. Members of George's Court are Joe Gassell, Crown Prince; Herb Seubert, Scepter; Elmar Seubert, Left Wing; and Tom Schultes, Right Wing. All members of this Court have been King at least once, twice or three times. Our King's Ball will be shortly after Easter 2010.

And now for our sad news. Our Praeses, Fr. Dan Fox, will be leaving us. He has been reassigned to serve as pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Sanford, Michigan. Sanford is located in central Michigan. All of us have grown to love and admire him. He was a wonderful Praeses and friend for our Kolping Family. We honored him on Sunday, June 7 at the Kolping Center. Fr. Dan celebrated Mass followed by a short monthly meeting and program. A farewell dinner in his honor followed. Along with the Solanus Casey Center, we send him off with our prayerful good wishes for God to Bless him.

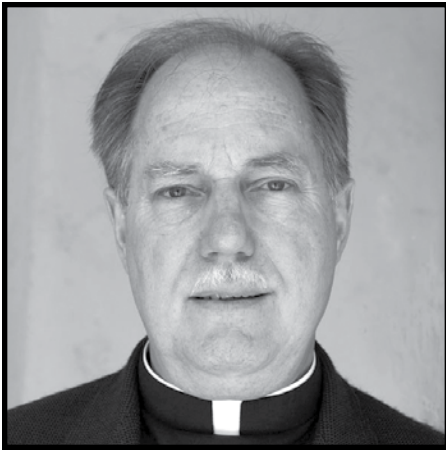
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Photos

Top: King George and Queen Gertrude Krappmann.

Bottom: Fr. Dan Fox at the 75th Schuetzenfest with 2008 Queen Linda Irlbacher and 2009 Queen Gertrude Krappmann.





Meet the new Los Angeles Praeses

Here are some key events that led me to accept the responsibility of Praeses for the Los Angeles Kolping Society.

My association with the city's German-Hungarian parish is what eventually led to a fortuitous pastoral encounter with the society in Los Angeles. It was like finding an old friend since I had already read the fascinating story of the Kolping vision in 2003 in a book on Catholic social movements in the library of our seminary in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Within weeks of that, the name caught my eye again on the side of a building in the tea-growing town of Hatton where I had gone for the funeral of one of the parish leaders. But it was only later in Germany that I met actual members from Germany and Tanzania as they prepared a delicious East African milk tea during a Mission Day fair in the courtyard of the cathedral of Wuerzburg.

Things now come full circle in Los Angeles where I am posted to do procure work for our missions. Like my grandparents who migrated from the Bavarian Forest to find work in Kansas City, thousands now flock to the US in search of work and dignity, and thus make Los Angeles one of the most exciting and vibrant population centers of the day, the kind of place Father Kolping would certainly choose to be.

Ministry so far has taken me to Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Nigeria, California, Cameroon, Rome, Sri Lanka and Germany. Here in the city of Los Angeles, we have been serving Mission San Gabriel, Plaza Church and Dominguez Seminary for over a hundred years. I did my studies here in our local Claretian seminaries, and at Loyola Marymount University and the University of San Francisco.

The Missionaries, Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, were founded in Spain by the popular preacher and writer, St. Anthony Claret in 1849 and now reach around the world with more than 3,100 men in 66 different countries. As a royal confessor, Claret instructed the little daughter of Isabel II, future consort of the prince of Bavaria.

God Bless!
 Fr. John M. Raab, CMF
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*Please Remember To
 Pray For All Our
 Dear Departed Members
 Who Have Gone To Their
 Eternal Rest*

*Cincinnati
 Richard Yoder*

*St. Louis
 John Austermann*

*In the Words
 of Father Kolping*

*If we tackle our good or ill fortune with
 the courage of a Christian,
 knowing how to bear and to take it,
 it will lift us like heroes on its shoulders.*

*A steadfast man who places his confidence
 in God and does not lose courage, will
 ultimately thank Him mainly for the so
 called disasters in life.*

*Suffering is the crucial test of a
 true Christian.*

Kolping News *(Continued)***ROMANIA****A social theatre picks up controversial social subjects**

Under the leadership of the regional education coordinator, three groups were created in the region of Moldova which commit themselves to social theatre. Within the scope of the social theatre, regional social problems are being picked up and converted into scenes of a play, to induce the people to discuss and deal with these problems. The first subject that the groups dealt with was "migration of the workforce abroad". In the scenes of a play, the consequences of this migration were exposed, such as the breakdown of traditional family structures, the neglect of the children, working people being uprooted from their homeland and so on. The three groups were able to do 15 theatrical performances in total and present these problems to a broad public. Due to the good success, an additional programme of ten presentations in secondary schools was the result. The Kolping Youth groups also consider the social theatre to be an educational instrument to make the people familiar with day-to-day problems in a way that they can easily understand and to induce them to carry out specific actions.

SOUTH TYROL**Child care in the Kolping House Bolzano**

Once again the Kolping Family Bolzano shows its family-friendliness with an action for the care-taking of children. Each Thursday from 09:30 to 11:30 a.m., families can get support in the Kolping House Bolzano, so that primarily the mothers have the opportunity to do urgent things such as a visit to the local authorities, a visit to the doctors or else to make important purchases. Since Bolzano is the central shopping town in South Tyrol and also the place of many administrative bodies, this service offer by the Kolping Family Bolzano is a real assistance, especially for the mothers who, as a rule, are responsible for childcare. With its offer, the Kolping Family would like to distinguish itself as service provider in a social area which is one of the core fields of activities of the Kolping Society: in the area of the promotion of the families.

SWITZERLAND**Kolping Society promotes an increased commitment for the common good**

On June 6, 2009, the Central conference of the Kolping Society of Switzerland

adopted a declaration on the world economic crisis and on a re-orientation and reflection on the basics of a social market economy. The delegates were concerned about the current developments on the world markets and in their resolution they demanded a reorientation on the social market economy, which shall be characterized by a legal and societal system which is being forcefully implemented by the public authorities according to the principles of social justice and which also determines the actions of the economy. "The common good has to take priority on the well-being of the individual", the delegates urged. The resolution ends with an appeal to the political parties, to the State, to the representatives of the economy and of the financial institutions, to orient their actions on the common good.

GENEVA/SWITZERLAND**Kolping demands more commitment to the concept of decent work**

On June 12, 2009, KOLPING INTERNATIONAL had the opportunity in Geneva to present its position within the scope of a lecture during the 98th meeting of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on the current developments on the job market. The representative of KOLPING INTERNATIONAL, Dr. Hagemann, stressed that the concept of decent work was facing a crucial test in the times of the current economic and financial crisis. Specifically this crisis leads to fierce competition on the markets and this leads to an increase in the pressure on the working conditions, often with the consequence of the erosion of workers' rights. Especially in such times it is important that by means of internationally agreed standards the minimum rights of the workers are protected. Using the Convention C177 on the rights of homeworkers, Dr. Hagemann made it clear what significance these regulations have. Especially the lack of protection for male and female homeworkers leads to a pressure on the costs for production. Even though home work is the daily life of primarily the female workforce in emerging nations and developing countries, the low labour costs also have consequences for the industrialized nations. The recognition of female home workers' rights is a deliberate sign of social responsibility. KOLPING INTERNATIONAL therefore supports the worldwide ratification of the Convention C177.

CZECH REPUBLIC**More than 500 members embark on a pilgrimage to the Kolping Chapel Veznice**

On May 23, 2009, more than 500 members of the Kolping Society of the Czech Republic embarked on a pilgrimage to Veznice, in order to celebrate Mass together with the Bishop of Hradec Kralove, Msgr. Dominik Duka. The tenth anniversary of the inauguration of this chapel was the occasion for this pilgrimage, which has become a spiritual centre for this small village in the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands. In 1999, the new construction of the chapel in this village had a strong influence on the spiritual life of the residents, who regularly converge in the chapel for Holy Masses, devotions and prayers. At the same time, this chapel which had been erected by the Kolping Society has also become a spiritual centre of the Kolping Society of the Czech Republic.

The Kolping Society of the Czech Republic used the participation of so many Kolping members in this pilgrimage for holding its National Convention following the Mass. Within the scope of the National Convention, the board informed on the extremely successful activities of the Kolping Society in 2008 and called attention to the fact that 50 summer camps alone had taken place in 2008 for a total of 1,300 children. The meeting closed with the prayer for the canonization of Adolph Kolping.

PARAGUAY**Finding a way out of poverty by producing organic dried fruits**

Many farmers in the interior of Paraguay live in extreme poverty and often they are only subsistence farmers without a regular income. The Kolping Society of Paraguay has now started an initiative in order to improve the economic basis for at least 300 families in rural areas. First of all the harvests are to be increased by intensive counselling and guidance of the farmers, and secondly the produced goods are to be processed further. Dried fruits coming out of a certified organic production have special chances on the market. In the changeover of the production to organic fruit and with the processing of the fruit to dried fruits the Kolping Society of Paraguay can count on the counselling of Dr. Martin Almada, the international expert and laureate of the alternative Nobel Prize. Along with

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the assistance in the cultivation and the processing of the fruit, the Kolping Society also promotes the marketing of the dried fruits and thus can make a sustainable aid available to the farmers.

BURUNDI

Committed to the process of reconciliation

From May 12 to June 5, 2009, a synod took place in the diocese of Kataga on the subject of reconciliation. The aim of the synod was the coming to terms with the reasons for the bloody Civil War between the country's ethnic groups and to show them ways for reconciliation. After the conclusion of the talks in the synod, a 10-headed team was named, which is to attempt to implement the resolutions of the synod and initiate further steps towards reconciliation. The National Coordinator of the Kolping Society of Burundi, Dismas Ntahomvukiye, was also elected into this team and the Kolping Society plays a leading role in the reconciliation process. The 223 members of the Kolping Society in the diocese have included this concern

in a pilgrimage to the Marian Sanctuary in Mugeru, where they also prayed for Adolph Kolping's canonization.

TANZANIA

Kolping among the winners of the 20 SEED Awards

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in connection with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) bestows the so-called SEED awards to exemplary and sustainable project initiatives on an annual basis. In 2009, the Kolping Society of Tanzania is among the winners with its project for the improvement of coffee cultivation and the marketing of coffee for five villages. Within the scope of this project, the participating coffee farmers receive a subsidy for the improvement of the cultivating measures and an increase in quality of the cultivated coffee as well as support in the implementation of further steps in the processing of the reaped coffee beans and with the development of financial systems, in order to sell the coffee at an optimum price and thus stabilize their income situation.

National Endowment Fund

The National Endowment Fund received the following contributions for the month of August 15, 2009 to September 15, 2009.

There were no contributions this month.

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