

Schmochtitz' Theses 2012

The Second Vatican Council, which opening 50 years ago we celebrate, affirmed the responsibility of Christians in society and politics. For this task the Christian social doctrines are indispensable. We, the participants of the 18th Europe-Academy from Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Austria, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Ukraine dealt with the principles of the Christian social doctrine. Following we consider of importance:

1st thesis: The human is not medium but the middle of social, political and economic acts. As image of God we possess a distinctive and untouchable dignity.

2nd thesis: The human in its freedom has the responsibility for its own life. Each social system has to measure itself if it enable that freedom.

3rd thesis: The human has responsibility for its fellow human being. He/She helps where he/she can help and there where the other needs his/her help. We do that from the spirit of the Gospels and the power of the grace.

4th thesis: We expect by the politicians to make decisions that do not only respect the interests of the individuals but improve the life of all humans.

5th thesis: Especially in a global world it is necessary to bring social justice, ecological sustainability and economical efficiency in accordance.

6th thesis: We campaign in our countries and local churches that the Christian social doctrine will become known and will be applied.

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