



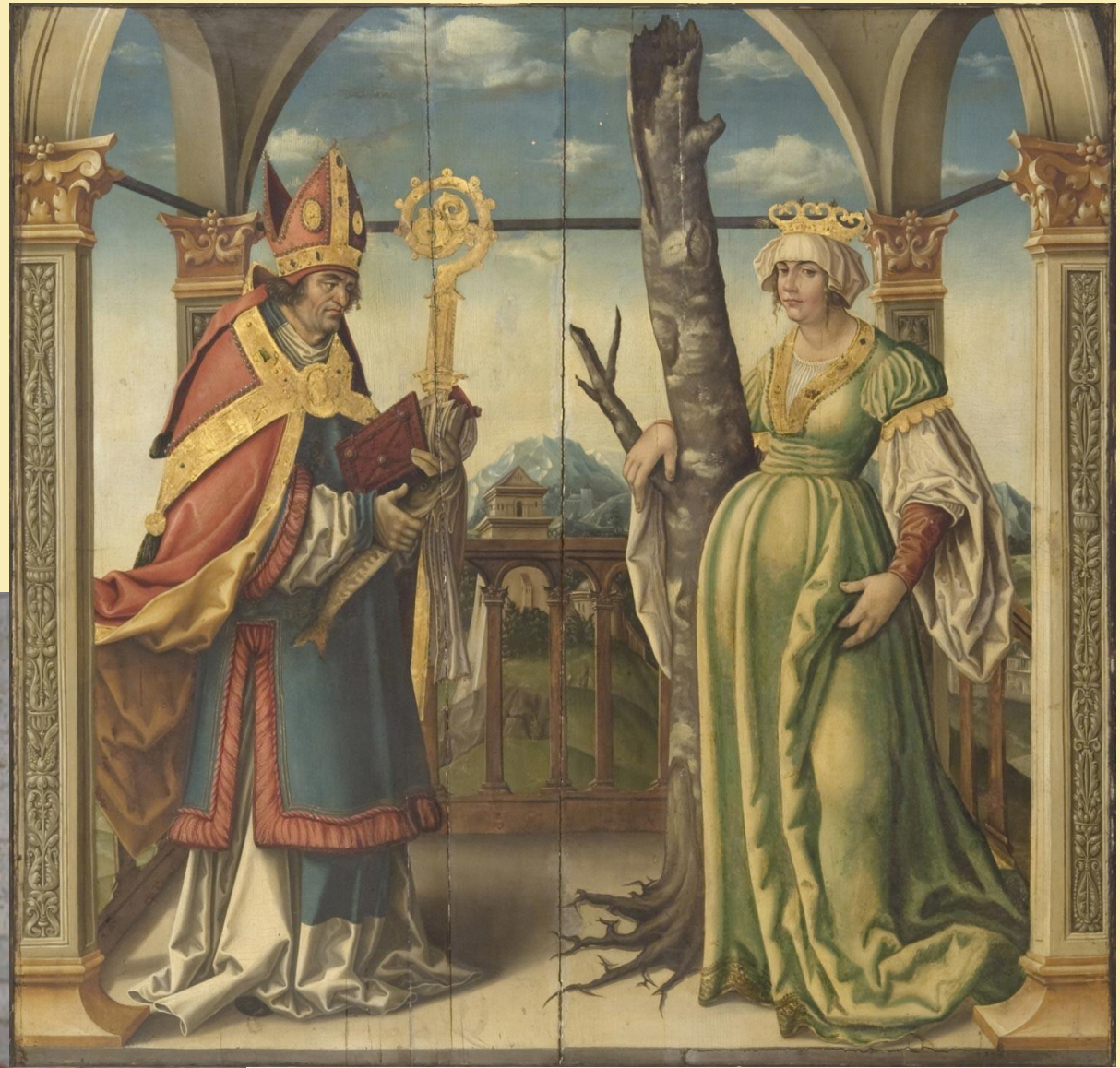
Activities of the German Bishops' Conference and Other Church Organizations in Germany Against Human Trafficking

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“I invite everyone (...) to practice acts of fraternity towards those kept in a state of enslavement. Let us ask ourselves, as individuals and as communities, whether we feel challenged when, in our daily lives, we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items which may well have been produced by exploiting others. Some of us, out of indifference, or financial reasons, or because we are caught up in our daily concerns, close our eyes to this. (...) We know that God will ask each of us: What did you do for your brother? (cf. Gen 4:9-10)”

Pope Francis, World Peace Day 2015



Jahrestagung

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**Die Sklaverei ist nicht vorbei –
Menschenhandel heute bekämpfen**

27.–29. Mai 2013

Würzburg





“Shocking reports of the suffering endured by victims of human trafficking, in Mexico, India, Belarus, Lebanon, Zimbabwe, and in Germany as well, arrestingly brought home to us the different faces of human trafficking in the world today. (...)

“As Christians, we are called upon to carry forth the mission of Jesus Christ. This mission consists in bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, recovering sight to the blind and freeing the oppressed (cf. Luke 4,18–19). Jesus was sent to promise life to all people, and to promise it abundantly (cf. John 10,10). With an obligation to carry out this mission, we Christians cannot make peace with this outrageous injustice that degrades people to a mere commodity and violates their dignity.”



“We find encouragement in Pope Francis when, prior to his election, he stated before the congregation of cardinals: ‘The Church is called on to emerge from itself and move toward the peripheries, not only geographic but also existential ones: those of sin, suffering, injustice, ignorance and religious abstention, thought and all misery.’”



“We have come to realise that our consumption and lifestyle may in fact make us the beneficiaries of human trafficking. Accordingly, as individuals involved in international Church affairs, we hereby undertake as follows:

- We shall support our project partners worldwide in their initiatives to combat human trafficking. These efforts include the establishment of advisory structures and the creation of institutions for the protection and care of the victims. In dialogue with our partners, we shall work together to develop a sensitivity to situations of exploitation and human trafficking and encourage efforts to this end. We are called upon, working together, to expose and combat the causes and conditions of human trafficking.



- We shall supplement projects in public relations and education to inform people in Germany of the circumstances that surround human trafficking and the challenges involved. We shall also promote initiatives in our partner countries to clarify threats and attempts at exploitation on the part of criminal organisations in human trafficking.
- We shall seek dialogue with stakeholders in politics, the business community and society in order to draw attention to phenomena of human trafficking, intensify the effort to combat organised crime and demand justice for the victims of human trafficking.”



“From the German Federal Government and the governments of the German Länder, we call for:

- the immediate and complete enactment, as a matter of German law, of the ‘EU Directive on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Protecting Its Victims’,
- a realistic, critical review of the German Prostitution Act of December 2001,
- cost-covering regular financing for counselling centres and for safe lodgings for victims of human trafficking in suitable shelters, and
- a statutory scheme of residence rights for the victims of human trafficking that meets the requirements of decency while facilitating criminal prosecution of the perpetrators.”



“We commend the many women and men who tirelessly devote their efforts on behalf of the rights of, and to promote respect for the human dignity of, the persons affected by human trafficking. More energetic support on the part of men is required in this area. For this is an issue that involves us all.”

Catholic Working Group on Human Trafficking



- Commission for Migration of the German Bishops' Conference
- Catholic Liaison Office in Berlin
- German Commission for Justice and Peace
- Renovabis
- Caritas
- IN VIA
- SOLWODI
- Women's Information Centre (FIZ) Stuttgart





„DER STATUS DER UNGESETZLICHKEIT RECHTFERTIGT KEINE ABSTRICHE BEI DER WÜRDE DES MIGRANTEN [...]“

(Papst Johannes Paul II., Botschaft zum Welttag der Migranten, 1996)



Arbeitshilfen 270



NICHT LÄNGER SKLAVEN, SONDERN BRÜDER UND SCHWESTERN

Welttag des Friedens

1. Januar 2015

Eine Arbeitshilfe der
Deutschen Bischofskonferenz



„Menschenhandel verletzt die Natur und Würde des Menschen“





Menschenhandel

Laut Schätzungen sind rund 40 Millionen Menschen auf der Welt Opfer von moderner Sklaverei und organisiertem Menschenhandel. Sie werden als Zwangsarbeiter und, vor allem Frauen und Kinder, als Prostituierte oder auch für den Organhandel ausgebeutet. Im Kampf gegen den Menschenhandel setzt die Kirche auf internationale und interreligiöse Zusammenarbeit.

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Verkauft, betrogen, ausgebeutet

Menschenhandel – ein perfides Verbrechen. Die Täter agieren lautlos, skrupellos und grenzenlos. Ihre Opfer schweigen aus Angst und Scham. Anhand des aktuellen Schicksals einer jungen Rumänin in Deutschland zeigt die Menschenrechtlerin Inge Bell, wie das unfassbare System Menschenhandel hier und heute funktioniert.

Zum Dossier



Menschenhandel - 09.02.2018

Das „dunkle Gesicht der Globalisierung“

Der Kölner Weihbischof Ansgar Puff hat erstmals für die Deutsche Bischofskonferenz an der Santa Marta Konferenz gegen Menschenhandel im Vatikan teilgenommen. Dabei zeigte sich ihm das „dunkle Gesicht der Globalisierung“.

Artikel lesen



Leben und wohnen in einem schönen Haus?

Bis zu 100.000 Frauen sind in Deutschland illegal als Pflegekräfte in Privathaushalten beschäftigt. Oft arbeiten sie Tag und Nacht. Eine gerechte Entlohnung bekommen sie längst nicht immer.

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MÄDCHEN UND FRAUEN AUS DER RECHTLOSIGKEIT HOLEN.



Menschenhandel in der Nachbarschaft?

Jedes Jahr kommen rund 15.000 Frauen als Opfer von Zwangsprostitution nach Deutschland. In Osteuropa zahlen Menschenhändler durchschnittlich 2.000 Dollar für eine Frau. Menschenhandel ist das Verbrechen mit der höchsten Zuwachsrate.

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DEUTSCHE KOMMISSION
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Santa Marta Group



Santa Marta Group Declaration of Commitment

“As senior law enforcement officials within the international community, we commit to eradicate the scourge of this serious criminal activity, which abuses vulnerable people.

This conference is part of a process where we work together on the international stage to develop strategies in prevention, pastoral care and re-integration, placing the victim at the centre of all we do.

I make a personal commitment to developing partnerships with the Church and civil society to bring to justice those who are responsible for these horrendous crimes and to alleviate the suffering of the victims.”





SANTA MARTA GROUP

Preventing Human Trafficking and
Modern Slavery

Progress
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