

**Dinner-speech at the International & Continental Board Meeting of UNIAPAC on
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ORDO SOCIALIS

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, dear international and national members of the board,

I would like to take the opportunity to present ORDO SOCIALIS, our academic association for the promotion of Christian Social Teaching, to this special audience.

As some of you will know: ORDO SOCIALIS was founded in 1985 in consequence of an international congress in Rome. The theme was: "Church and Economy - Responsible for the Future". ORDO SOCIALIS is a daughter of the BKU – the German association of catholic entrepreneurs - and is based here in Cologne. Our aim is to compile, to develop and to make internationally available ideas, principles and documents of Christian Social Teaching.

Some of the most important publications of our authors, like "Christian Social Teaching" by Joseph Cardinal Hoeffner, professor and former archbishop of Cologne († 1987), are already translated, printed and spread in different countries as i.e.: the English speaking countries, the Spanish speaking countries, the eastern countries like Lithuania, Poland, Russia up to Korea. It is even translated and printed in China; however it has not yet the permission to be spread.

Since this year we have entered a new phase of our work: the digitalization of these publications so that we can offer them now to download free of charge from our website: www.ordosocialis.de. Together with a new publication about the Christian perspective on globalization, which is coming out in these days, one could call this phase: the globalization phase.

To translate, digitalize and print the most important scriptures for many different countries of the world we need funds. Being a charitable association we depend on sponsoring.

There are various ways, in which you could support our aims:

1. You can become a member of OS with a membership fee of at least 50 Euro per year.
2. You can support specific projects.
3. There are also other possibilities. For example: If you are in contact with Christian teachers or academics in other countries who might be interested in translating some of our publications into their language, you could bring us together. If at the same time you could find out, who would be interested in sponsoring this project, you could help us a lot.

For further contact, ideas, critic you will find the address and e-mail etc. on this paper. The leaflet provides you also with further insight into the idea of ORDO SOCIALIS.

This was just a rather short essence of what OS is all about ... just to wet your appetite.

Thank you for your attention and bon appétit.

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