

MARIA IS THE PERFECT MODEL - CONSECRATION OF MARY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SYNODAL WAY

After the unsatisfactory vote of the Central Committee of German Catholics on the Statutes of the Synodal Way, Maria 1.0 proposes a Marian consecration of the Catholic Church in Germany.

Last Friday, the Central Committee of German Catholics (ZdK) approved the statutes of the Synodal Way by a majority vote. Thus, the two-year process will begin as planned on December 1. At its fall plenary session, the ZdK voted in favor of the Synodal Way, supposedly on behalf of all Catholics, even though the registered association does not represent all German Catholics by a long shot. Many believers do not agree with the process as it is now planned and worry, among other things, that the Catholic Church in Germany is going down a special path that will lead to secession from the universal Church. The criticism of many is that at present only apparent solutions are being sought. Instead of leading people closer to God, the reforms being considered continue to lead the church in the wrong direction. Yet the real problem behind the high numbers of people leaving is the dwindling faith and the lack of knowledge about it. A clear and successful model for the necessary reforms would be the Mother of God: Her unconditional yes to the Word of God and to His call, her "be it done to me according to Your Word," is the successful original model of Christianity.

Therefore, Mary 1.0 suggests that the bishops, for example within the framework of the Synodal Way, consecrate the Catholic Church in Germany to Our Lady, so that it is she who leads the Church through this crisis of faith. In addition, especially in these difficult times, each individual Christian is called upon to consider the meaning of the Church in his or her own life. In doing so, one should also look beyond one's own nose, to other regions of the world where the Catholic Church continues to grow. The New Evangelization as a whole should urgently be discussed during the Synodal Way, not only in between or a little bit in the already scheduled forums. Such an important topic, also preferred by Pope Francis, should rather get its own forum to have a place where Germany's crisis of faith is analyzed in depth. In this way, new approaches could be found to inspire people in Germany for the Catholic faith and the Good News of mercy, love and hope.

Maria 1.0 therefore invites all Catholics to spiritually join the Maria 1.0 movement in prayer and to pray for a renewal of faith in fidelity to the Blessed Mother and the teachings of the Church.