

“Wake up you sleepers!”

Now it's the bishops' turn

One of the main goals of the Synodal Way, namely its continuation, was prohibited by the highest ecclesiastical authority. And yet, “the Synodal Way and its resolutions are simply being pushed forward and are already being implemented here and there at the diocesan level. If Roman criticism is addressed at all, it is smiled at or dismissed as a marginal note,” stated Clara Steinbrecher, spokesperson for Maria 1.0.

This week, in addition to Prof. Westerhorstmann, Prof. Gerl-Falkovitz, and Prof. Schlosser, Maria 1.0 delegate Ms. Dorothea Schmidt also left the Synodal Way. The reason for this is that [the Synodal Way] continues to question, reformulate, and partially redefine essential foundations of Catholic theology, anthropology, as well as church practice; it has not corrected the serious theological errors or desisted from committing them despite numerous criticisms ([cf. the detailed farewell statement in an opinion article at Die Welt](#), among others).

The task of leading the Church belongs in a special way to the bishops, Steinbrecher further states. Since the Synodal Way is nothing other than a substantive and formal attack on this very Church, it is now the bishops who, qua office, should take their pastoral care seriously and must raise their voices in frankness and truth. Their task is to proclaim the unabridged teachings of the Church faithfully to the people of God and not to sneak away from responsibility out of fear of man, according to Maria 1.0, which is a Catholic lay initiative.

In view of the Roman statements and the criticism of the Synodal Way only recently approved by the Pope himself, no bishop can remain silent, since the danger of a repeated schism in the Church from Germany cannot be denied, especially since the Synodal Presidium completely ignores these voices. So we of Maria 1.0, full of hope and concern, call out to the bishops who will gather together in Dresden starting Monday: Wake up – it’s your turn!