

INTERNATIONAL DIACONATE CENTRE

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Diaconate Program, etc etc

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Second Vatican Council



- ▼ Restoration of the diaconate
- ▼ Foundation of a centre for study about and promotion of the diaconate (1965)



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▼ Why create a centre for the diaconate?

- // The church needed theological research about the identity of this old and, at the same time, new ministry
- // What are the juridical implications?
- // What does it mean for the church that there is a married clergy?
- // How to implement the diaconate in a diocese, a parish?
- // What is the spirituality of a deacon?
- // How are the relations with priests, bishops and lay people?
- // What is required for formation?

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- ▼ The beginning of the International Centre for the Diaconate
- ▼ Founded during the Council by more than 2,600 bishops from all over the world.
- ▼ Pope Paul VI gives his blessing
- ▼ The first location is in Freiburg, Germany
- ▼ Very soon after the council it becomes the form of an association of priests, bishops, theologians, lay people and of course deacons.

The IDC Today



- ▼ 1992 Transfer of the IDC to the archdiocese of Stuttgart-Rottenburg. Archbishop Walter Kasper is the protector.
- ▼ Under his protection the IDC is recognised as a catholic association in according of the new church law.
- ▼ It has members all around the world who are supporting the mission of the IDC
- ▼ It has 15 delegates (including the board) representing the different countries and continents
- ▼ It has a delegate from out the ecumenism
- ▼ One of the delegates is representing deacons' wives
- ▼ The IDC is trying to build up regions for a good cooperation in the different parts of the world.

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- ▼ What is the IDC doing these days?
- ▼ It promotes scientific study over the ministry
 - /// Network of theologians
 - /// Exchanging of experiences and reflecting about them
 - /// Study conferences, regional and intercontinental
- ▼ Contributions on reviews



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- ▼ Gives information on bishops, seminaries etc.
 - /// The president, other board members and advisers travel around the world (recently Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia)
 - /// The centre in Rottenburg welcomes visitors
 - /// Many bishops and church leaders are invited to the study conferences



The IDC Today Cont'd



- ▼ Is creative looking for new initiatives for help on dioceses in special situations
 - /// For example dioceses in Africa (Aids, large distances, lack on books and pc's)
 - /// Churches in Eastern Europe, who are coming out of repression under the communists



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Why the need the IDC members?

Through its members, the IDC can achieve its mission of developing the identity of the Diaconate through study and association.

Through its members, it gives support to deacons, bishops, theologians and priests in special situations in the church



The IDC Today Cont'd



How can I be member?

Fill up the form and pay membership (€20,- = can.\$ 32)

Membership



- ▼ Please send to:
- ▼ Internationales Diakonatszentrum
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email: IDZ.Diakonatszenrum@t-online.de
- ▼ Enlistment
- ▼ The yearly subscription fee is can\$ 32.-. For a subscription fee of can\$ 64,- ,
the journal Diaconia Christi (in German) is included.
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