

“We are church” Germany : The Pope’s Announcements concerning Ecumenism must be followed by consequences and success. Expectations for the following days. Refused dialogue with the International Movement “We are Church”.

But, "We are Church" says, if the spontaneous answer of the Pope who said that he will strive with "heart and intellect" "that we will come together", wouldn't be followed by concrete consequences and success, the people who welcomed the Pope so enthusiastically in his homeland, will be very disappointed. Already with his assumption of office Pope Benedict had announced concretely visible indications of Ecumenism.

In view of the disastrous conflicts in his home diocese of Regensburg it will be most important what the Pope will say about the apostolic task of lay people in the church and in the world. “We are Church” hopes that Pope Benedict will be able to contribute to settle the conflict between the bishop of Regensburg Dr. Gerhard Ludwig Mueller and the laypeople in that diocese. “Pontifex Maximus” – that means “supreme bridge builder” - is one of the titles of the bishop of Rome.

After the election of Pope Benedict the International Movement “We are Church” wrote a letter to the Pope and wished him God’s Blessing and at the same time asked for discussion. This letter is not answered from Rome until now. On the renewed request in this year the Apostolic Nunciature in Berlin/Germany by order of the Secretary of State in Rome wrote “that unfortunately your request can not be satisfied. You and the other members can lead a constructive dialogue about the current questions and problems in the church with the bishops and priests of the responsible dioceses and parishes at any time.”

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