

German prelate breaks rank with Cardinal Marx, insists on fidelity to Rome

German cardinal has publicly opposed the words of two other German bishops who have suggested that the nation's Church can form its own policies without direction from Rome.

Cardinal Paul Josef Cordes published a letter earlier this month objecting to the pronouncements of prominent leaders of the Church in Germany that the nation's bishops' conference will pursue its own program of pastoral care for marriages and family regardless of the outcome of October's Synod on the Family.

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