

## KOLPING INTERNATIONAL

### Petition: Kolping is sacred to me

**On Tuesday, October 27, 2020 the Kolping Society of Germany starts a petition for the canonization of Adolph Kolping. On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the beatification of our association's founder, it is planned to hand over the collected signatures to Pope Francis next year. In addition to Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers, all people worldwide who can identify with the ideas and values of Adolph Kolping are invited to support the petition with a signature.**

Cologne - October 26, 2020

On October 27 of the coming year, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the beatification of Adolph Kolping. This is a great event and reason for many Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers worldwide to pray for the canonization of our association's founder. KOLPING INTERNATIONAL is convinced: The life and work of Adolph Kolping has charisma – up until today.

As a worldwide community of more than 400,000 members in over 60 countries we want to set an example: Kolping is sacred to me. In order to convey this to the outside world, a petition for the canonization of our association's founder will be launched on the occasion of this year's Kolping World Day of Prayer. Every signature that can be made from October 27 onwards under [www.petition-kolping.com](http://www.petition-kolping.com) , stands for a life which has already been moved by Adolph Kolping in a very positive way.

We would like to hand over the collected signatures from all over the world to Pope Francis on the occasion of a pilgrimage to Rome for the anniversary of the beatification on October 27, 2021. KOLPING INTERNATIONAL invites you to participate in this pilgrimage. The petition will thus be running for one year. During this time it is important to collect as many signatures as possible, not only among Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers but also beyond. We would be very pleased about your active support in the various National Kolping Associations. We will provide multilingual materials which can help to spread the petition in the further course of the campaign.

The International Executive Committee of KOLPING INTERNATIONAL is in regular exchange with the responsible Congregation in the Vatican in order to underline the interest of the Association in the canonization. However, according to the current order for canonization, another medical miracle, which can be attributed to the intercession of Blessed Adolph Kolping, is required for a positive conclusion of the procedures. Pope Francis had granted a dispensation in the canonization process for Pope John XXIII – thus the canonization was possible even without a recognized miracle. In order to also make this possible for Adolph Kolping a corresponding dispensation would have to exist as well. Therefore, the petition is to be understood as a request to Pope Francis to see the beneficial work of the Kolping Association throughout the world as a miraculous sign of the sacredness of Adolph Kolping.