



Kolping World Day of Prayer 2023



"Our faith in God has substained our faith in human beings, even in their misery, and the more we practiced that faith, the stronger has it grown."
Adolph Kolping



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*"We must learn to see the world, the individual and human life
through the eyes of faith."
(Adolph Kolping)*

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Introduction

KOLPING BRAZIL is a non-profit Catholic association modeled on the journeymen's organization founded in Germany by Blessed Adolph Kolping in 1846. It strives to overcome financial and spiritual poverty by providing education and work opportunities. Its programmes and projects aim to make an active contribution to the eradication of poverty in all its forms.

In Brazil, the association was founded in 1923 in São Paulo by some German immigrant families who had settled in that city and hoped to build a new life for themselves and their families. Over the years, the association spread to the different regions of the country. In 1973, a national organization was established with the aim of providing better assistance to the Kolping communities (Kolping Families) that had emerged from this impulse. Today, Kolping Brazil is present in 18 out of 27 Brazilian states, that is, in more than 60% of the country. This expansion has been possible thanks to the commitment of religious and lay people who have worked tirelessly to spread the message of Blessed Adolph Kolping through formation, work and, above all, evangelization.

Brazil has been known for many years as a country marked by latent social inequality: In the different regions of the country, half of the Brazilian poor earn 29 times less than the richest 10% of Brazilian society. In France, this figure is seven times lower. Income is measured by including contributions to pension schemes and unemployment insurance and benefits paid and received by the individual, but excluding income tax and other transfer payments.

Hunger is another chronic problem affecting the country, and it has a decisive impact on the poorest regions and communities. This problem became even more acute with the global Covid-19 pandemic in the years 2020-2021. KOLPING Brazil along with KOLPING INTERNATIONAL and other international and national cooperation partners have been intensively involved in the distribution of food to alleviate the hunger in many Brazilian families.

This year, our institution is celebrating its 100th anniversary in Brazil and its 50th anniversary as a national organization that is running a wide range of projects throughout the country. All of these projects are part of the five social programs of KOLPING Brazil that raise funds for the implementation of the following activities:

1. support of children and teenagers
2. educational programmes for teenagers and adults and promotion of small businesses
3. fight against hunger and drought
4. integral support of the family
5. promotion of the common good

To illustrate this work better, the following section presents the programme to combat hunger and drought, which is one of the five programme pillars of KOLPING Brazil.



Programme to combat hunger and drought

Most rural areas in Brazil suffer from poor infrastructure: there is a lack of schools, hospitals and numerous employment opportunities. Families who continue to live in the countryside must find their own ways of making ends meet. The situation is even more dramatic in the semi-arid northeast, where there are no adequate sources of fresh water and people have to make do with rainwater, which is also irregular due to long periods of drought.

The majority of the population in these regions lives on agriculture and animal husbandry. To help change the living conditions of the people, KOLPING Brazil develops projects such as family-based small animal husbandry as part of the **Programme to combat hunger and drought**. There are also projects to improve the living conditions in the semi-arid region.



Under this programme, cisterns are built to collect and store rainwater and to provide protection against the high evaporation rate. Families are trained to store, treat and use water efficiently in a sustainable way. To help feed the families, vegetable gardens and allotments are also cultivated. Surpluses can be sold at the market, generating additional income.

The programme also teaches families how to earn a modest income by purchasing, breeding and selling animals, producing handicrafts and household products, and setting up small productive businesses.



Beneficiaries of the programme

Kolping-World Day of Prayer

Since the beatification of Adolph Kolping, which took place in Rome on 27 October 1991, KOLPING Brazil keeps the words of Pope John Paul II alive in his memory: "What an enthusiastic priest Adolph Kolping must have been to still inspire so many men and women, young and old, for Christ and His Church. Kolping brothers and Kolping sisters, his legacy is entrusted to you. Pass it on to future generations."

For this reason, since 1991, KOLPING Brazil has invited its members to go on an annual pilgrimage to the city of Aparecida (in the interior of the state of São Paulo) to be part of the great Kolping community to pray to God and to ask for the intercession of our father and founder for all participants. Apart from this event, the members, leaders and volunteers hold prayer novenas in honour of Blessed Adolph Kolping in their local Kolping families. We are very supportive of these activities.





Holy Mass

October 27 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters, welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist where we will commemorate our Blessed father, Adolph Kolping. His life testimony of evangelization and his commitment to overcoming poverty were the distinguishing features of his ministry to young people and their families. So, in this 29th week of the liturgical year, let us intensify our prayer for his intercession for our work and our actions.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Proposal:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxW1Rzd_GWw

Hoje é tempo de louvar a Deus
Em nós agora habita o Seu Espírito
Então é só cantar e a Cristo exaltar
E Sua glória encherá esse lugar
Vem louvar, vem louvar (2x)

No meio dos louvores, Deus habita
É Seu prazer cumprir o que nos diz
Então é só cantar e a Cristo exaltar
E Sua glória encherá este lugar
Vem louvar, vem louvar (2x)

Hoje é tempo de louvar a Deus
Em nós agora habita o Seu Espírito
Então é só cantar e a Cristo exaltar
E Sua glória encherá este lugar
Vem louvar, vem louvar
Glória a Deus, glória a Deus

Greeting

Priest: Let us begin our celebration with joy and with confidence. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



All: And also with you.

Penitencial Rite

Priest: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. And I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy

Proposal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2On3gh6AqE>

Senhor, que viestes salvar

Os corações arrependidos

Piedade, Piedade, Piedade de nós! (2x)

Ó, Cristo, que viestes chamar

Os pecadores humilhados

Piedade, Piedade, Piedade de nós! (2x)

Senhor, que intercedeis por nós

Junto a Deus Pai que nos perdoa

Piedade, Piedade, Piedade de nós! (2x)

Opening Prayer



Let us pray! God, our Father, You called Blessed Adolph Kolping, a craftsman, to the priesthood, and You worked in him to help youths find a way to solve their religious and social conflicts. Grant that his prayers and his example help us to understand the conflicts of our times and give us the strength to overcome them. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Liturgie of the word

First Reading

(Romans 7, 18-25^a)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters!

¹⁸And really, I know of nothing good living in me -- in my natural self, that is -- for though the will to do what is good is in me, the power to do it is not: ¹⁹ the good thing I want to do, I never do; the evil thing which I do not want -- that is what I do. ²⁰ But every time I do what I do not want to, then it is not myself acting, but the sin that lives in me. ²¹ So I find this rule: that for me, where I want to do nothing but good, evil is close at my side. ²² In my inmost self I dearly love God's law, ²³ but I see that acting on my body there is a different law which battles against the law in my mind. So I am brought to be a prisoner of that law of sin which lives inside my body. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body doomed to death? ²⁵ God -- thanks be to him -- through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119

R: Teach me your will!

- ⁶⁶ Teach me judgement and knowledge,*
 for I rely on your commandments. (R)
- ⁶⁸ You are generous and act generously, teach me your will.*
 teach me your will -(R)
- ⁷⁶ Your faithful love must be my consolation,*
 as you have promised your servant. -(R)
- ⁷⁷ Treat me with tenderness and I shall live,*
 for your Law is my delight. (R)
- ⁹³ I shall never forget your precepts,*
 for by them you have given me life. -(R)
- ⁹⁴ I am yours, save me,*
 for I seek your precepts.. -(R)



Alleluia or Gospel Acclamation

Halleluja

You know how to interpret the face of the earth and the sky. How is it you do not know how to interpret these times?

Gospel

(Luke 12,54-59)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁴ He said again to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud looming up in the west you say at once that rain is coming, and so it does. ⁵⁵ And when the wind is from the south you say it's going to be hot, and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the face of the earth and the sky. How is it you do not know how to interpret these times? ⁵⁷ 'Why not judge for yourselves what is upright? ⁵⁸ For example: when you are going to court with your opponent, make an effort to settle with him on the way, or he may drag you before the judge and the judge hand you over to the officer and the officer have you thrown into prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you will not get out till you have paid the very last penny.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Priest: O Lord, allow us to use your gifts to serve you in freedom and to confess to you:

Profession of Faith

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

General Intercessions



Priest: Brothers and sisters, God wants to rely on us to make His kingdom of justice and peace flourish in the midst of humanity. Let us pray with the confidence of sons and daughters:

R Through the intercession of Blessed Adolph Kolping, hear us, O Lord.

1. Let us pray for the Kolping members and volunteers, that they will turn to the sources of our association: the Gospel of our Lord, the social teaching of the Church and the life and work of our founder. - R
2. For every human being who benefits from our work. That God in His infinite kindness awakens in their hearts a firm will to serve in our acts of charity. - R
3. Let us pray for our communities that they will find adequate ways of receiving sustainable support to continue their work. – R
4. We ask through the intercession of Blessed Adolph Kolping to support KOLPING INTERNATIONAL, General Praeses Msgr. Christoph Huber and all his staff who work so hard for the Kolping members in the world. – R
5. Let us pray for our work, that it may be oriented towards bringing the message of our Lord Jesus Christ to life. – R

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and glorify you for the life and work of Blessed Adolph Kolping. Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and glorify you for the life and work of the Blessed One. May we imitate his virtues and make this world a more humane place where people live in solidarity. You, who lives and reigns forevermore.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song:

Proposal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HavZZ9bewfY>

As coisas que o mundo oferecia
Me impediam de Te encontrar
De ver que a vida é só em Ti

Mas, Tu vieste e tocaste
Bem no fundo do meu coração
Me ensinaste a Te amar



**Ó, ó, Jesus, recebe então a minha vida
Recebe as coisas que de Ti me afastam
Pois só em Ti quero viver (2x)**

Agora, que o meu coração é Teu
Quero sempre Te louvar
Tua vida transbordar

Para que mais gente experimente
Teu amor nos transformando
Tua mão a nos tocar

Priest: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father..

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the gifts

Priest: O Lord, may the sacrifice offered to your glory in commemoration of the beatification of Father Adolph Kolping bear the fruits of salvation, through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It's right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He is the Word through whom you made the universe, the Saviour you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

Sanctus

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Priest Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body + and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT: THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT; THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL, SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Priest: In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with N. our Pope, N. our bishop, and all the clergy. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all: make us worthy to share eternal life, with Mary, the virgin mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Adolph Kolping, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Rite of Communion

Priest: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:



- All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.
- Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: "I leave you peace, my peace I give you", look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: "I leave you peace, my peace I give you", look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace. and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.
- All: Amen.
- Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- All: And also with you.
- All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
- Priest: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are those who take refuge in Him. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.



Song during the Communion

Proposal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKhbw8Zq3CM>

Tu te abeiraste da praia
Não buscaste nem sábios, nem ricos
Somente queres que eu te siga

Senhor, Tu me olhaste nos olhos
A sorrir, pronunciaste meu nome
Lá na praia, eu deixei o meu barco
Junto a Ti, buscarei outro mar

Tu sabes bem que em meu barco
Eu não tenho espadas nem ouro
Somente redes e o meu trabalho

Senhor, Tu me olhaste nos olhos
A sorrir, pronunciaste meu nome
Lá na praia, eu deixei o meu barco
Junto a Ti, buscarei outro mar

Tu, minhas mãos solicitas
Meu cansaço que a outros descanse
Amor que almeja seguir amando

Senhor, Tu me olhaste nos olhos
A sorrir, pronunciaste meu nome
Lá na praia, eu deixei o meu barco
Junto a Ti, buscarei outro mar

Tu, pescador de outros lagos
Ânsia eterna de almas que esperam
Bondoso amigo, assim me chamas

Senhor, Tu me olhaste nos olhos
A sorrir, pronunciaste meu nome
Lá na praia, eu deixei o meu barco
Junto a Ti, buscarei outro mar

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Almighty God, may this Holy Communion strengthen us that following the example of Blessed Adolph Kolping, we may carry the light of truth and charity in our hearts and show it in our deeds, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



Prayer for the Kolping Family

Lord Jesus Christ, You placed the responsibility of proclaiming your message and to put it into action upon the church. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us. We thank you for given us Blessed Adolph Kolping who was such an example for us.

We pray to you to give us the gifts which characterized him and his ideas; let us be: Faithful and self-confident, both serious and joyful in life, self-responsible and united, aware of history and ready to make progress. Strengthen our faith so that we do not evade the world and his requirements. Let us hope to create pleasure, joy and happiness when we try to help others.

Strengthen our love so that we can responsibly contribute to the development of the Church and society. Our community in the Kolping Family should be a beginning of Your coming kingdom. Amen.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Adolph Kolping

We invite everyone to join us in praying the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Adolph Kolping. In recognition of all his commitment to this Society and with the plea that he may intercede for us from heaven.

Dear God!

You gave us Blessed Adolph Kolping as an intercessor and a role model. His life found fulfilment in caring for young people in religious and social difficulties.

His concern was to understand work, family and society in the light of our faith. He considered helping one another within the community to be the expression of the Christian love for one's neighbour.

We beseech you: Help us work together in the International Kolping Society to overcome poverty, injustice and hopelessness. Help us to defend human life and protect marriage and family to be the salt of the earth and a light for the world.

Fulfil our hope of being able to honour Adolph Kolping as a Saint throughout the whole Church in all languages and nations. Let us, through faith, hope and love, work towards bringing to perfection Your kingdom in this world.

For this we pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Concluding Rite

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: May God, who is our Father and who has brought us together today to celebrate in commemoration of Father Adolph Kolping's beatification, bless you, protect you from all evil, be gracious to you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Priest: May Christ the Lord, who revealed in Blessed Adolph Kolping the transforming power of Easter, make you bear witness to His Gospel.

All: Amen.

Priest: May the Holy Spirit, who gives us in Father Adolph Kolping a sign of fraternal solidarity, empower you to create in the Church a true community of faith and love.

All: Amen.

Priest: Through the intercession of Blessed Adolph Kolping, may almighty God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you.

All: Amen.

Priest: Let joy in the Lord be your strength; go in peace to love and serve the Lord.


All: Thanks be to God.



Final Song

1. There lived a sterling journey-man. Whom
all of us revere. His name re-sounds so far and clear.
Fa-ther Kol-ping we love you! Fa-ther Kol-ping we love you!

2. A cobbler, going through the world,
with heart sincere and true.
/: He made new shoes repaired them too. :/
/: Father Kolping, we love you! :/
3. The priesthood was his heart's desire.
God granted him this grace.
/: See, what great work he set apace. :/
/: Father Kolping, we love you! :/
4. A father to his journeymen,
he wished so much to be.
/: He took them for his family. :/
/: Father Kolping, we love you! :/
5. Father Kolping, zealous priest of God,
Be with your friends today.
And joining hands, we brothers pray,
And joining hands, we sisters pray:
/: Father Kolping, we love you! :/



*“Without faith and trust,
the world will not hold
together.”*

Blessed Adolph Kolping
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