

**Agenda of the**

**XXXIV International Convention  
in Cologne (Bensberg), Germany**

**The World Family gets together –  
"Because by all means one person needs the other..."  
Adolph Kolping**

**Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 14.00 until  
Sunday, October 01, 2023 at 12.30**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

*Arrival of delegates from abroad at the International Convention*

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

*Arrival of the delegates at the International Convention*

*Official opening, Reports, Membership, Continental Meetings*

<b>Time</b>	<b>What's happening</b>
<i>Morning</i>	<i>Check-in at the conference center</i>
<i>13.30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30	Opening of the XXXIV International Convention - <i>Introduction of delegations</i> - <i>Digital introduction of absent Kolping associations</i>
15.00	Report of the International Executive Board Report of the International Finance Committee Debate Voting on the discharge of the International Executive Board Motions - <i>Motion of the International Executive Board to amend the International Constitution</i>
16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
17.00	Info time "New members for Kolping – this is how it worked" <i>Some associations present their initiatives on how to recruit new members</i> Moderator: Klaudia Rudersdorf, Kolping Society of Germany
18.00	Holy Mass at the opening of the International Convention with Archbishop em. Dr. Ludwig Schick, Bamberg <i>in the chapel of the Kardinal Schulte Haus</i> <i>Conclusion of the action "Kolping is sacred to me!"</i>
19.00	<i>Dinner</i>

20.30	Meetings in continental groups <i>The members of the International Executive Board will offer information on</i> - <i>CONSIDERATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTINENTAL FORMATION TEAMS</i> - <i>FINANCING POSSIBILITIES OF CONTINENTAL MEETINGS</i>
from 22.00	Time for social gathering and exchange <i>(e.g. downstairs in the pub "Bergische Stube")</i>

### Friday, September 29, 2023

#### *Country reports*

#### *In the footsteps of Adolph Kolping in Kerpen and Cologne*

<b>Time</b>	<b>What's happening</b>
<i>as of 7.30</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>
9.00	Morning prayer
9.15	Assembly of country presentations
9.45	Exhibition "Kolping worldwide today" <i>Possibility for a coffee break (as of 10.30 a.m.)</i> <i>Distribution of "curiosity points"</i>
12.15	Panel Discussion "Exciting Kolping Actions" <i>Discussion with delegates of the associations with the most "curiosity points"</i> Moderator: Erich Reischmann, Kolping Switzerland
13.00	<i>Lunch and lunch break</i>
14.30	Excursion "In the footsteps of Adolph Kolping" <i>Bus trip to Kerpen</i> <i>Visit to Adolph Kolping's birthplace and visit to St. Martinus</i>
17.30	Bus trip to Cologne
18.30	Holy Mass in the Minorite Church <i>with former General Praeses Msgr. Ottmar Dillenburger and celebration of General Praeses Msgr. Christoph Huber's silver jubilee of his ordination as a priest.</i> <i>The holy service will be streamed live around the world.</i>
19.30	Bus trip back to Bensberg
20.30	Dinner
from 22.00	Social gathering and exchange of ideas

### Saturday, September 30, 2023

#### *Day of Action 'ONE WORLD Family' at Albertus Magnus Grammar School Bensberg*

<b>Time</b>	<b>What's happening</b>
<i>as of 7.30</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>
8.45	Morning prayer
9.00	Keynote address: "Kolping for globally decent work" – Presentation of the jubilee publication: "30 years of KOLPING INTERNATIONAL at the International Labour Organization (ILO)" Presented by <i>Dr. Hildegard Hagemann</i>
9.30	Group photo
10.00	Walk to Albertus Magnus Grammar School Bensberg
11.00	Day of Action 'ONE WORLD Family'

	<i>see separate program at <a href="https://www.kolping.net/aktionstag">https://www.kolping.net/aktionstag</a> lunch around noon</i>
17.00	Holy Mass in the auditorium of Albertus Magnus Grammar School
19.00	<i>Dinner at Kardinal Schulte Haus</i>
20.00	Social gathering and exchange of ideas

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

*Please keep in mind: Check-out until 9.00 a.m.*

*Motions on the subject of the Synod*

<b>Time</b>	<b>What's happening</b>
as of 7.30	<i>Breakfast</i>
until 9.00	<i>Check-out from hotel</i>
9.00	Morning prayer
9.15	Keynote address " <i>With Kolping on the Way – For a Synodal Church</i> ". Presented by: Dr. Markus Demele
9.45	Group work on the topic of synodality ( <i>incl. coffee break</i> )
11.00	Presentation of the results in the plenary and debate
12.00	Closing of the International Convention and Blessing for the Journey
12.30	<i>Lunch and departure</i>