
Germany: “72 Hours”, fourth edition of the national social campaign of young German Catholics

“Heaven sends us”. With this motto, for the fourth time, the Federation of German Catholic Youth (BDKJ) is organising the “72 Hours” youth social campaign in all German dioceses from 18 to 21 April. The idea is simple: groups of young people will be simultaneously engaged in social, ecological or intercultural charity projects across Germany. Each group will receive its project on Thursday, 18 April 2024, at 5pm, and will have to complete it in the following 72 hours. The goal is to work for and with others. Youth association groups, school classes, youth organisations and anyone who wants to “make the world a little better” can participate. The projects “address political and social issues, are oriented towards daily life, and give hands and feet to faith”. Participants operate wherever they normally live in their daily lives. “Many projects focus on issues such as sustainability and social interaction”, said Alicia Mathes, campaign manager for the Diocese of Fulda, and “to this end, some action groups also cooperate with social institutions”. Children, adolescents and young adults will be involved. To help groups find new ideas and projects, the BDKJ’s institutional page features a “project generator” providing ideas and suggestions based on the user’s data together with a wide selection of projects carried out in the four previous editions of “72 Hours”.

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