



**General Assembly of the Foundation Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice  
- German Section (non-registered association)  
21. February 2026, 01.30-02.00 pm**

at the Philosophical-Theological University St. Georgen,  
Offenbacher Landstraße 224, 60599 Frankfurt/Main

**Participants:**

Marcel Bieniek (MB)  
Dr. Eleonora Bonacossa (EB)  
Rainer Dormagen (RD)  
Christine Engelmann (CE)  
Andreas Hecker (AH)  
Dr. Ansgar Horsthemke (DAH)  
Dr. Christopher Klein (CK)  
Prof. Dr. Alexander Kracklauer (AK)  
Volker Lauven (VL)  
Dr. Stephanie Princess zu Löwenstein (SzL)  
Dr. Markus Schulte (MS)  
Dr. Ulrich Schürenkrämer (US)  
Maria-Theresia Countess von Spee (MTS)  
Barbara Pung (BP)  
Father Johannes Zabel OP (JZ)

**Excused:**

Prof. Dr. Christoph Wagener (CW)  
Prof. Dr. Dr. Elmar Nass (EN)  
Sylvia Trimborn- Ley  
Ingo Ley

**Guests:**

Iris Kittel  
Frater Fabian Lechner  
Dr. Felix Prince zu Löwenstein  
Sabine Rodeck- Kemper  
Klaus Optenhövel  
Dr. Oliver Röthig  
Prof. Dr. Ricardo Wagner



## **Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice Foundation – German Section**

### **General Assembly**

Saturday, 21. February 2026, 1.30 pm  
as part of the Frankfurt Study Day  
Philosophical-Theological University St. Georgen,  
Offenbacher Landstraße 224, 60599 Frankfurt am Main.

#### **Agenda:**

1. Welcome / formal matters
2. Report of the Chair on the past year
3. Report on membership development and member support for 2025
4. Treasurer´s report for the year 2025 and budget plan for 2026
5. Discharge of the Board by Rainer Formagen, member
6. Dates for 2026 - 2027
7. Miscellaneous



### **Item 1 – Opening of the Meeting**

The Chair of the German Section, Dr. Stephanie Princess zu Löwenstein (SzL), opened the meeting at 1:30 pm and confirmed that the invitation had been issued properly and in due time and that a quorum was present.

The minutes are recorded by the Chair and Dr. Christopher Klein.

### **Item 2- Report of the Chair on the past year**

SzL refers to the annual report that was sent together with the invitation to the General Assembly. There were no questions from the attendees. In 2026, H.E. Bishop Dr. Heiner Wilmer was appointed by the German Bishops' Conference as successor to H.E. Bishop Overbeck as the bishop responsible for social-ethical matters and for the Foundation in Germany. This appointment was confirmed by the Vatican. During the visit of Board members Stephanie zu Löwenstein and Prof. Elmar Nass to Bishop Wilmer on 3. February 2026 in Hildesheim, the Bishop outlined his particular priorities:

1. Attention to and support for Africa must not diminish but should be strengthened.
2. The cooperation with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, led by H.E. Cardinal Czerny, should be expanded.

Both topics were also presented in Rome following this meeting. (Shortly thereafter, on 24. February 2026, Bishop Dr. Heiner Wilmer was elected Chairman of the German Bishops' Conference in Würzburg. The Board congratulated „our Bishop“ warmly.)

### **Item 3 – Report on Membership Development**

The Chair reports on behalf of STL that the German Section increased from 53 to 54 members, with one resignation during the year and two new members admitted. In addition, two Young Members are currently awaiting formal admission by the Vatican. All attendees are encouraged to identify and recruit entrepreneurs who might be interested in the mission of the Foundation.

### **Item 4 – Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer Dr. Christopher Klein reported on the financial situation for 2025.

- Opening balance: € 222,65
- Membership contributions and donations: € 24.000
- Of this amount, € 22.000 were transferred to CAPP in the Vatican in accordance with the statutes.
- Project and event-related revenues: € 9.145
- Expenses and bank fees: € 7.862,80
- Final balance: € 3.504,85

No further questions or objections were raised by the participants.

### **Item 5 – Discharge of the Board**

Rainer Dormagen proposed the discharge of the Board. The Board was unanimously discharged, with the Board members abstaining from the vote. SzL thanked the members on behalf of the Board for the trust expressed by this decision.

### **Item 6- Dates 2026**

1. The International FCAPP Conference will take place in Rome from 28. – 30. May 2026. Theme: „The World in Search of Spirituality: Refocusing on Freedom and Pluralism through the Social Doctrine of the Church.“

Schedule:

- 28. May 2026 – General Assembly (afternoon)
- 29. May 2026 – International conference (full day)
- 30. May 2026 – Audience for conference participants

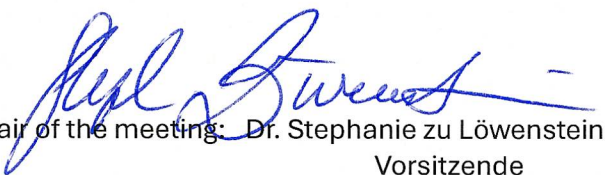
A German accompanying program and registration information from Rome will be circulated shortly. A thematic paper, drafted following the Frankfurt Study Day, will be prepared for the conference together with Prof. Elmar Nass.

2. Tri-National Conference. A tri-national conference focusing on European topics will take place in Brussels on 12. – 13. November 2026.
3. Next General Assembly. The next General Assembly during the Study Day will take place 20. February 2027 in Frankfurt – St. Georgen.
4. Additional Meeting (planned). An additional meeting in 2026 is currently being planned. Focus: Corporate responsibility for social matters. Entrepreneurs will present initiatives in which they particularly support the families of their employees. The date, possibly September, is not yet fixed.

### **Item 7- Miscellaneous**

SzL asks for potential requests to speak under ‘Miscellaneous’ (none) and closes the general meeting at 2.30 pm.

Frankfurt a.M., 22. February 2026

  
Chair of the meeting: Dr. Stephanie zu Löwenstein  
Vorsitzende

Attachments: Program 21. February 2026  
Membership Development 2025  
Financial report 2025



**Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation(CAPP)  
German Section**

**Frankfurt Study Day, Saturday 21. February 2026**  
Philosophical-Theological University St. Georgen  
Offenbacher Landstraße 224, 60599 Frankfurt am Main

**Theme „Efficiency of Our Resources“**

**Moderated by  
Prof. Dr. Dr. Elmar Nass  
Vice-Rector, Cologne University of Catholic Theology  
Chair of Christian Social Sciences and Societal Dialogue**

***Objective: Preparation of a position paper  
for the International Conference 2026 in Rome.***

**Program:**

- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| 09.30 am   | Arrival  |
| 10.00 am   | Opening of the conference. Welcome / introduction<br>Lecture by Dr. Felix Prince zu Löwenstein:<br><b>„Resource Efficiency of Natural Systems – What Future Agriculture<br/>must learn from it.“</b><br>Discussion |
| 12.30 pm   | Lunch (self-pay)   |
| ~ 14.00 pm | General Assembly 2026  |
| 14.30 pm   | Keynote by Prof. Dr. B. Bartels:<br><b>„Mobilizing Resources for Child Protection“</b><br>Plenary discussion   |
| 15.30 pm   | Coffee break   |
| 15.45 pm   | Preparation of the draft final document in two groups  |
| 16.15 pm   | Joint discussion of the draft final document   |
| 17.00 pm   | Holy Mass in the chapel  |
| 18.00 pm   | End of the event   |