



PRESS RELEASE

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Aldegonde Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn receives an Honorary Doctorate from the Faculty of Catholic Theology

On September 10, 2021 Mrs. Aldegonde Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn received the Honorary Doctorate in Theology (*Dr. theol. honoris causa*) in recognition of her outstanding merits on behalf of the Jewish–Christian dialogue and the Christian theology of marriage and the family. The title was conferred on her, in the name of the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelm-University of Bonn, by the Dean, Professor Dr. Dr. Jochen Sautermeister, in the course of a solemn ceremony.

Aldegonde Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn is the founder of the *Centre for the Study of Christianity* at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the founder of the *Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies* at the Gregorian University in Rome, and the founder and director of *the International Academy for Marital Spirituality (INTAMS)* in Louvain/Brussels.

The Faculty of Catholic Theology pays tribute above all to “the exceptional merits of this theologian and social scientist with regard to Jewish–Christian dialogue, to the further development of the theology of marriage and the family, and to the communication and implementation of fundamental insights of the Second Vatican Council. These central concerns also correspond to the main focuses of the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the University of Bonn,” says Dean Sautermeister.

“I gratefully accept this honor, in view of the decades-long committed work of my husband and myself,” says Aldegonde Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn. “I understand it especially as an encouragement and motivation for the coming generations to accept responsibility in various ways and to get involved for the good of other people.”

Photos can be downloaded from the website of the University of Bonn:

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