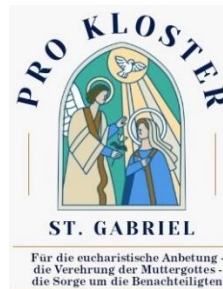


Novena with Saint Peter, Blessed Bernhard and Erich Klausener



Initiative Pro Kloster Gabriel

† In the name of the Father † and the Son † and the Holy Spirit

Novena in gratitude for the Gabriel Monastery and for the preservation of the eternal worship of Jesus Christ in the heart of the German capital Berlin.

Intention and background:

Important holy places in Berlin, such as the Gabriel Monastery and the Church of the Annunciation of Mary, are in a state of upheaval.

The future of the spiritual use of the Gabriel Monastery now lies with us, the People of God, the entire Church and the Vatican.

We would like to join the martyrs, first and foremost Saint Peter, the martyrs of Berlin, Blessed Bernhard, Dr. Erich Klausener, Pastor August Froehlich, Archpriest G.R. Paul Ernst Gediga, Pastor Albert Hirsch, Pastor Joseph Lenzel, Chaplain Herbert Simoleit, Rev. Dr. Alfons Maria Wachsmann, Pastor Albert Willimsky, Eva-Maria Buch, Arno Ertner, Dr. Alfred Etscheid, Rudolf Mandrella, Lieselott Neumark, Alice Reis, Dr. Karl Heinrich Schäfer, Hellmuth Stieff, Maria Terziel and Joseph Wirmer pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and guide us all and above all the decision-makers of the future of the monastery.

The monastery of St. Gabriel and the Church of the Annunciation of Mary were built on the initiative of Blessed Bernhard Lichtenberg. His intention was to establish the monastery of St. Gabriel in Berlin as a center of prayer against the totalitarian evil of the Nazi regime. Blessed Bernhard was finally violently persecuted by the National Socialist regime and died on the way to the Dachau concentration camp. Since 1936, on his initiative, the Sisters of the Congregation of the Servants of

the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration, the "Pink Sisters", have been praying continuously for Berlin in this place. The Order left the monastery at the beginning of the year.

Economically secure concepts envisage continuing the monastery spiritually, accommodating religious orders and carrying out social work.

Let us give thanks again for the strong service of the sisters and continue to pray for the spiritual future of the place and the Order. By storming the dear God in the name of Jesus Christ with Saint Peter, with Blessed Bernhard Lichtenberg, the martyrs of Rome and Berlin, with the Holy Archangels Gabriel, Michael and Raphael and above all with the Blessed Virgin and Mother of God, Mary, the Immaculate Bride of the Holy Spirit who is our Mother.

Let us begin the novena on 5 November, the feast day of Blessed Bernard. We ask you to spend an additional 30-60 minutes in your church, your chapel, in front of the tabernacle in front of the Blessed Sacrament, to be quiet with Mary, with Mary and, like Mary, to be there only for Jesus.

Pray with us!

## Daily prayer with Blessed Bernhard Lichtenberg

Start saying to my soul:

Today I want to see all that happens to me, joyful and painful, uplifting and depressing, in the light of eternity,

Today I will possess my soul in my patience,

Today I will not sin in any thought, word or deed, and do everything out of love, and suffer all things out of love.

So that I may become Amor et Deliciae, love and delight to all, my surroundings, my family, my colleagues.

Almighty God and Father, You have Bl. Bernhard Lichtenberg in Berlin as a witness to the love of your Son Jesus Christ. Bl. Bernhard thus became the brother of the poor, the afflicted and persecuted, the tormented and outcasts, the doomed Jews and the allegedly "unworthy of life" handicapped. Because he did not want to remain silent about the truth, those in power put him to death.

Blessed Bernard, with you we thank you for the service of the servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual adoration, the "pink sisters", we ask for your intercession for the preservation of the uninterrupted adoration of Jesus Christ in the heart of the German capital Berlin.

You dear and strong Archangels Gabriel, Michael and Rafael talk to us, argue with us, heal us. Saint Peter you are the rock of the Church, pray for us. You Saint Joseph, patron saint of the Holy Church and our Father help.

You Blessed Virgin and Mother of God, You are the Immaculate Bride of the Holy Spirit, You are our Mother, speak for us to Your Son our brother Jesus.

So we ask to Almighty and Triune God, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Addition, to pray about once during the novena:

1. Veni, creator Spiritus,  
mentes tuorum visita:  
imple superna gratia,  
quae tu creasti pectora.

2. Qui diceris Paraclitus,  
donum Dei altissimi,  
fons vivus, ignis, caritas  
et spiritalis unctio.

1. Come, Creator Spirit, come to us,  
visit the hearts of the children of yours:  
Who has created your power, fill now  
with your grace.

2. You are called the Comforter,  
a pledge of grace by the highest God,  
you fountain of life, light, love and embers,  
anointing of the soul, supreme good.

3. O treasure who adorns

3. Tu septiformis munere,  
dextrae Dei tu digitus,  
tu rite promissum Patris  
sermone ditans guttura.

4. Accende lumen sensibus,  
infunde amorem cordibus,  
infirma nostri corporis  
virtute firmans perpeti.

5. Hostem repellas longius  
pacemque dones protinus;  
ductore sic te praevio  
vitemus omne noxium.

6. Per te sciamus da Patrem  
noscamus atque Filium,  
te utriusque Spiritum  
credamus omni tempore.

7. Deo Patri sit gloria  
et Filio, qui a mortuis  
surrexit, ac Paraclito,  
in saeculorum saecula.

sevenfold, O finger of God who guides us, Gift,  
promised by the Father, Thou who  
makes tongues speak.

4. Ignite in us of light,  
pour love into hearts,  
strengthen our body's frailty  
with your strength at all times.

Ignite in us of light,  
pour love into hearts,  
strengthen our body's frailty  
with your strength at all times.

5. Drive far away from us the enemy's violence,  
in your peace sustain us,  
that we, led by your light,  
do not fall into sin and misery.

6. Grant that through you we may know the Fa-  
ther and  
also the Son here,  
and that as the spirit of both  
we may always believe you firmly.

7. To the Father praise in the highest throne  
and  
to his risen Son,  
the Comforter also be blessed now  
and for all eternity.

First day: Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Saint Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Χαῖρε, δ' ἧς ἡ χαρὰ ἐκλάμπει, Greetings,  
through you salvation shines forth

John 6

66 As a result, many of His disciples withdrew and did not walk with Him. 67 Then Jesus asked the Twelve, "Will you also go away?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" You 69 We have come to faith and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.

Priests of Jesus Christ

From the testimonies of the beatification process:

"When Bernhard Lichtenberg celebrated Holy Mass, he did so very conscientiously, concentrated, with convincing respect for the sacred mystery. For him, the Blessed Sacrament was the center of his liturgical piety. I felt in him the reverence for the presence of God in the sacrament of the altar. Even in the poorest dwelling, which he entered during visits to the sick, he behaved as reverently in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament as in the church. I have experienced this several times. As a result, the poorest room became a sacred space.

Impulse by Erich Klausener:

To be Catholic is to be active! To be Catholic is to be optimistic! If each one of us knows his faith, lives according to it and professes it before the world, then the rebirth of Christian life will emerge from our families.

Speech from the Katholikentag 1932 in the Grunewaldstadion

Sancte Michael Archangelo, defends us in praelio.

Saint Michael the Archangel, protect us in battle.

Saint Raphael, heal us,

Saint Joseph, help!

Second day:

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Saint Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

hail, for he hath closed.

Greetings, the calamity is getting dark before you.

Matthew 14

22 Immediately he urged the disciples to get into the boat and go to the other shore. Meanwhile, he wanted to send people home. 23 After sending them away, he climbed a mountain to pray for himself. When evening came, he was there alone. 24 But the boat was already many stages away from the land, and was tossed to and fro by the waves; for they had headwinds. 25 In the fourth watch of the night he came to them; he walked on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him coming across the lake, they were frightened because they thought it was a ghost, and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus said unto them, saying, Have faith, it is I; Don't fear! 28 Peter replied and said, "Lord, if it is You, command that I come to You on water." 29 Jesus said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and came across the water to Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the fierce wind, he became frightened. And when he began to perish, he cried out, Lord, save me! 31 Jesus immediately stretched out his hand, seized him, and said to him, "You little believer, why did you doubt? 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind subsided. 33 But the disciples in the boat fell down before Jesus and said, "Verily, you are the Son of God."

Blessed Bernhard: pastor in Berlin

From the testimonies of the beatification process:

"Every Wednesday he [d. Sel. Bernhard] left the church at 5.30 in the morning to care for the sick. He always walked in the Rochett, with the burse visible in his hand. When no altar boy accompanied him, he carried the lantern himself. So he walked through the streets [of Charlottenburg]. Once he encountered a garbage collection car. When the coachman saw him, he gave the servant of God a slap in the face with his whip. When he came back, he told me, 'Today I got thresh.' He didn't want the man to be reported."

Impulse by Erich Klausener:

Be truthful in your actions. Never break your word. Don't show false prestige. Come first – go last. Have righteous anger, but never waste your wrath.

(This handwritten text lay in Klausener's desk, probably from June 1934)

Sancte Michael Archangelo, defends us in praelio.

Saint Michael the Archangel, protect us in battle.

Saint Raphael, heal us,

Saint Joseph, help!

Third day:

Our Father...

Hail Mary,

Greetings, thou art highly superior to all human superiority;  
Χαῖρε, ὕψος δυσανάβατον ἀθροπίνοις λογισμοῖς,

Matthew 16,

13 When Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples and said, "Who do men say the Son of Man is?" 14 They said: Some for John the Baptist, others for Elijah, others for Jeremiah or some other prophet. 15 Then he said unto them: Ye but who do ye say I am? 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona; for it was not flesh and blood that revealed these things unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 But I say unto you, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the underworld shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; what you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and what you loosen on earth will be loosed in heaven.



Blessed Bernard, as a preacher

From a manuscript of Sel. Bernhard of 9 January 1928:

"Why do some sermons have no effect? This will probably be due to the preacher. Maybe he didn't pray well enough before, maybe he didn't prepare well enough, maybe he is unwell. But sometimes it's also down to the listeners who don't let the preacher rest. [...] When his listener, sitting or standing in the aisle or at the altar of Mary, opens the book during his sermon and reads it diligently, the poor preacher constantly runs through the thoughts of his sermon Thoughts that do not belong in the sermon, something like this: Why does he want to read from the book now? Why does he come to the sermon if he does not want to listen? Does he might even annoy you and make you understand: What you are preaching, I already know, your sermon does not interest me at all? Because these unseemly thoughts always run through his sermon thoughts, they naturally disturb the context of his thoughts and inhibit the flow of his speech. He begins to falter, loses the thread, gets a headache, quickly searches for the Amen and leaves the pulpit beaten. [...] Preaching sounds easier than it is. Pray for your poor preachers!"

Impulse by Erich Klausener:

How can greater driving forces be found for the construction of a divinely ordained order of social life than from the ideas that led us to the communion bench?

Speech held on 24.6.1933 in Hoppegarten (Märkischer Katholikentag)

Sancte Michael Archangelo, defends us in praelio.

Saint Michael the Archangel, protect us in battle.

Saint Raphael, heal us,

Saint Joseph, help!

Fourth day:

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Saint Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

χαῖρε, βάθος δυσθεώρητον καὶ ἀγγέλων ὀφθαλμοῖς.

Greetings, the angels don't even see you so abysmally.

Luke 9

28 But it came to pass that about eight days after these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James with Himself, and went up a mountain to pray. 29 And as he prayed, the appearance of his face changed, and his robe became bright white. 30 And behold, two men spake unto him. They were Moses and Elijah; 31 They appeared in glory, and spoke of his end, which he was to fulfill in Jerusalem. 32 But Peter and his companions had fallen asleep, but woke up and saw Jesus in bright light and the two men standing with him. 33 And it came to pass when they were about to separate themselves from him, Peter said unto Jesus: Master, it is good that we are here. Let us build three huts, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. But he didn't know what he was saying. 34 While he was still speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed her. But they were afraid when they got into the cloud. 35 Then a voice sounded out of the cloud, "This is my chosen son, and ye shall listen to him." 36 While the voice rang out, they found Jesus alone. And they were silent and did not tell anyone in those days about what they had seen.

Blessed Bernard praying

From the protocol of the Secret State Police for the interrogation of Bl. Bernhard on 25 October 1941:

"Every evening I pray with my congregation for the severely afflicted non-Aryan Christians, for the Jews, for the prisoners in the concentration camps, especially for the imprisoned priests and religious, especially for the priests of our diocese, for the people tempted to unbelief, despair and suicide, for the millions of nameless and stateless refugees, for the struggling, wounded and dying soldiers over and over again, for the bombed cities in land of friends and foes, etc., and the passage from the general church prayer for the fatherland and the leaders of the people."

Impulse by Erich Klausener:

The lay apostolate we want to exercise is conceived in the broadest sense... We want to take things from the pastors that they cannot do themselves. Moreover, and this is the main thing, we all want to be apostles [and] disciples.

Speech of 21.11.1928 in the Saalbau Friedrichshain

Sancte Michael Archangelo, defends us in praelio.

Saint Michael the Archangel, protect us in battle.

Saint Raphael, heal us,

Saint Joseph, help!

Fifth day:

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Saint Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Χαῖρε, ἀστὴρ ἐμφαίνων τὸν ἥλιον, Greetings, thou star, which reveals the sun.

John 13

3 Jesus, who knew that the Father had given him all things and that he had come from God and returned to God, 4 got up from the meal, took off his robe, and girded himself with a linen cloth. 5 Then he poured water into a bowl and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the linen cloth with which he was girded. 6 When he came to Simon Peter, he said to him, "You, Lord, will wash my feet?" 7 Jesus said to him, "What I do, you do not yet understand; But later you will understand it. 8 Peter replied, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus said to him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." 9 Then Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, then not only my feet, but also my hands and head." 10 Jesus said to him, "Whoever comes out of the bath is completely clean and only needs to wash his feet.

Blessed Bernard as a prophet

From the letter of protest of Bl. Bernhard from 26 August 1941 to Reichsärztführer Leonardo Conti (1900–1945) for the killing of the mentally ill:

"A short time ago there was a stunned mother in my office. [...] A week ago, she had received news from a provincial sanatorium and nursing home that her 38-year-old son had died of lip boils and meningitis and had been burned. [...] God alone knows how many thousands or sixty thousand times these cases have been repeated. The public must not know, and the relatives fear [...] for their freedom and their lives if they publicly object.

Also on my priestly soul lies the burden of complicity in the crimes against the moral law and the state law. But even if I am only one, I demand from you, Mr. Reichsärztführer, as a human being, Christian, priest and German, accountable for the crimes committed on Your behest or with your approval, and the Lord's vengeance on the German people over life and death."

Impulse by Erich Klausener:

If everyone knows his faith, lives according to it and professes before him in this world, a rebirth of Christian life will emerge.

Klausener's undated speech

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Saint Michael the Archangel, protect us in battle.

Saint Raphael, heal us,

Saint Joseph, help!

Sixth day:

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Saint Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Greetings, for you bear him who endures everything.

hail, that thou shalt always put on the bastard.

John 18

25 But Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Then they said to him, "Are you not one of his disciples?" He denied and said: It is not me. 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear had been cut off by Peter, said, "Have I not seen you in the garden with him?" 27 Again Peter denied, and immediately a crowd.

Blessed Bernard as an emergency helper

Pulpit announcement of Bl. Bernhard (prepared for Sunday, October 26, 1941), found and confiscated by the Gestapo during the house search in the cathedral provost on October 23, 1941:

"An anonymous hate paper against the Jews is being distributed in Berlin houses. It claims that any German who, out of alleged false sentimentality, somehow supports the Jews, even if only by friendly accommodation, is betraying his people.

Do not allow yourselves to be deterred by this unchristian attitude, but act according to the strict commandment of Jesus Christ: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself,[1]'"

[1] Mt 19:19; 22,39; Mk 12:31; Luke 10:27; Romans 13:9; Gal 5:14; James 2:8.

Words of Erich Klausener:

But it is also necessary to fight by all means against the mental distress of the unemployed, which increases steadily with the duration of unemployment. Therefore, we must not only help our unemployed young people, who are particularly affected by spiritual need, materially, but above all keep them healthy in their souls.

from a speech from 1930

Sancte Michael Archangelo, defends us in praelio.

Saint Michael the Archangel, protect us in battle.

Saint Raphael, heal us,

Saint Joseph, help!



Day Seven: The Prisoner in the Lord

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Saint Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

ἡἄρε, γαστήρ ἐνς ἐν

Greetings, from your womb God becomes the Son of man.

John 20

3 Then Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb; 4 They both ran together, but because the other disciple was quicker than Peter, he came first to the tomb. 5 He leaned forward and saw the linen bandages lying down, but did not go inside. 6 Then Simon Peter, who had followed

him, came and went into the tomb. He saw the linen bandages lying 7 and the sweat cloth that had been lying on Jesus' head; but it was not with the linen bandages, but tied together next to it in a special place. 8 Then the other disciple, who had come first to the tomb, went in; He saw and believed.

From the last surviving letter of Bl. Bernhard of 26 September 1943 from the military hospital of the prison:

"When I look at the last two years from here, I want to and must thank God with all my soul, including all those who carried out His holy will on me. It is my firm resolve to carry out, with God's help, the retreat resolutions that I made years ago after the thirty-day retreat, namely: I will see everything that happens to me, joyful and painful, uplifting and oppressive in the light of eternity, I will possess my soul in my patience[1], I do not want in any thought, sin in no word or in any work, and do all things out of love, and suffer all things out of love. – I still have the courage to live for 20 years, but if the good Lord wants me to die today, His holy will shall be done."

Impulse by Erich Klausener:

Peace is more than non-war. Peace means reconciliation, rapprochement, calm in order, humanity for all people. Peace is only possible through human rethinking. Above all, all mistrust must be banished from the heart.

Klausener's undated speech

Sancte Michael Archangelo, defends us in praelio.

Saint Michael the Archangel, protect us in battle.

Saint Raphael, heal us,

Saint Joseph, help!

Eighth day:

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Saint Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Greetings, through you the Creator acts unborn as a child.

χαῖρε, δι' ἧς βρεφουργεῖται ὁ Κτίστης.

John 21

15 When they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these? He answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you. Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."  
16 For the second time he asked him, Simon, son of John, do you love me? He answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you. Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."  
17 For the third time he asked him, Simon, son of John, do you love me? Then Peter became sad because Jesus had asked him for the third time, Do you love me? He answered him, "Lord, you know everything; You know I love you. Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."  
18 Amen, verily, I say unto you, when you were younger, you girded yourself, and went whither you would. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you and lead you where you do not want to.  
19 Jesus said this to indicate by what death He would glorify God. After these words, he said to him, "Follow me."

Blessed Bernard, as a martyr

From the letter of condolence of the Archbishop of Breslau Adolf Cardinal Bertram (1859-1945) of 8 November 1943:

"Seldom has a news shaken me as deeply as the news of the tragic end of your brother, the dear cathedral provost of Berlin. I have always had a high veneration for him because he appeared to me to be one of the noblest priests I have met in my long life. Filled with depth of faith and genuine piety, restlessly pastoral work, open to all the problems of the present, manfully courageous in word and action: so he was an ornament of the Berlin clergy. What I find incomprehensible is the statement of the doctor and the Reich Security Main Office, which arranged for the transfer to Dachau. Your brother remains in my memory as a martyr of his disposition. Requiescat in sancta pace."

Impulse by Erich Klausener:

The Catholic Church is not international, it is universal. It marries every people on earth, but it must claim for itself by virtue of its divine mission to lead the souls of all peoples to God the Creator at the end of the world.

Speech at the Märkischer Katholikentag on 24.6.1933

Sancte Michael Archangelo, defends us in praelio.

Saint Michael the Archangel, protect us in battle.

Saint Raphael, heal us,

Saint Joseph, help!

Ninth day:

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Saint Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Greetings, creation will be reborn from you.

Haïre, Nymph you are married.

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1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in the same place. 2 Suddenly, a roar came from heaven, as if a violent storm were blowing, and filled the whole house in which they were sitting. 3 And tongues appeared unto them, as of fire, which were dispersed; On each of them one settled. 4 And all were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave unto them. ...

14 Then Peter appeared, together with the eleven; He raised his voice and began to speak: Ye Jews and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem! You should know this, pay attention to my words! 15 These men are not drunk, as you think; it is only the third hour of the day; 16 But now happens what was said by the prophet Joel: 17 In the last days it shall come to pass, / thus saith God: / I will pour out of my Spirit / on all flesh. / Your sons and daughters will speak prophetically, / Your young men will have visions / and your old men will have dreams. 18 Also over my servants and maids / I will pour out of my Spirit / in those days, and they will speak prophetically. 19 I will make miracles appear up in heaven / and signs down on earth:/ Blood and fire and smoking smoke. 20 The sun will turn into darkness / and the moon into blood, / before the day of the Lord comes, / the great and glorious day. 21 And it shall come to pass: / Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord / shall be saved.

Blessed Bernhard,

From the homily of Bl. John Paul II on the occasion of the beatification of Bernhard Lichtenberg in Berlin on June 23, 1996:

"That the new Blessed was a saint of intercessory prayer is shown not only in this prayer for the Jews and the prisoners in the concentration camps, it is also shown in his prayer for the spiritual vocations. He was a tireless promoter of the apostolate for priestly vocations. His beatification should therefore be a call to celebrate the World Day and the monthly days of prayer for vocations with renewed devotion and confidence. [...]

The example of Blessed Bernard calls us to become 'collaborators for the truth'. Do not be deterred when God and the Christian faith are maligned or ridiculed even in our day. Remain faithful to the truth that is Christ. Speak up courageously when false principles lead to wrong deeds, when human dignity is violated or the moral order of God is called into question".

Impulse by Erich Klausener:

Only the cross is our redemption – Only the cross is our strength – Only the cross is the certainty of victory!

Speech at the 28th Märkischer Katholikentag in the Grunewaldstadion 1930.

Sancte Michael Archangelo, defends us in praelio.

Saint Michael the Archangel, protect us in battle.

Saint Raphael, heal us,

Saint Joseph, help!

Graduation

Off 21, 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the sea is no more. I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down from heaven from God; she was ready like a bride who adorned herself for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice cry out from the throne, "Behold, the dwelling place of God among men!" He will dwell in their midst, and they will be his people; and he, God, shall be with them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes: death will be no more, no mourning, no lamentation, no hardship. Because what used to be is gone. He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new.

† In the name of the Father † and the Son † and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Peter: His name was actually Simon, but Jesus called him Peter. Born in Bethsaida, he lived and worked as a fisherman in Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. Together with his brother Andrew, he was called by Jesus to follow him and together with the Fischer brothers John and James. On his walk at the side of the Messiah, Peter appears as a simple, simple and blunt man. The Gospel explains that Jesus chose a simple fisherman without further education to lead His Church.

In the capital of the empire, Rome, Peter encouraged and led the church. During the persecutions under Emperor Nero, Peter is captured again and crucified upside down, at his own request. Paul, on the other hand, is beheaded as a citizen of Rome. Tradition has it that the martyrdom of the two took place on the same day, on June 29 of the year 67. Peter died in Nero's circus on Vatican Hill, Paul on the road to Ostia. On their graves today stand St. Peter's Basilica or St. Paul outside the walls.

Bernhard Lichtenberg was born on 3 December 1875 in Ohlau in Silesia. As an exemplary pious priest (1899), cathedral priest (1932) and cathedral provost (1938), he worked tirelessly and fearlessly in pastoral care and charity in Berlin. Because of public prayer for the persecuted Jews and criticism of the »euthanasia« murders, he was arrested by the Secret State Police on October 23, 1941 and then sentenced by a special court on May 22, 1942. Seriously ill after two years in prison, he died on the transport to the Dachau concentration camp on 5 November 1943 in Hof. His beatification as a martyr took place in Berlin by Bl. Pope John Paul II on June 23, 1996. The tomb of Bl. Bernhard is now in the lower church of St. Hedwig's Cathedral in Berlin.

Dr. Erich Klausener was born in Düsseldorf in 1885. After studying law, his experiences as a lieutenant in the First World War brought him into close contact with the needs of the poor. After the war he was a civil servant, the convinced Catholic centrist forced his political Gegnern bis hin zu den Kommunisten etwa als sogenannter „roter Landrat“ Respekt ab.

In 1924 he became ministerial director in Berlin, with his wife and son he moved to Schöneberg and found his ecclesiastical home in the parish of St. Matthias, where he also became a member of the



church council. As ministerial director in the Prussian Ministry of the Interior from 1926, he campaigned against extremism from the right and left as well as against sexual exploitation. Among other things, he tried, unfortunately in vain, to expel the Austrian Adolf Hitler from Germany because of the crimes of the NSDAP. So he attracted the hatred of the Nazis.

In the nascent diocese of Berlin, he was entrusted with the leadership of Catholic Action in 1928. Through the courageous commitment of Klausener, Catholic Action strengthened the sense of togetherness of Berlin's Catholics. This was evident in the annual Märkische Katholikentage, in June 1934 more than 60,000 Catholics gathered again at the Hoppegarten racecourse and professed Christ as the one to whom they wanted to remain faithful. In a spontaneous speech, Klausener denounced the new government's violations of the law against the Church. Only one week later, on 30 June 1934, he was shot in the back in his office in the Ministry of Transport at the special request of Prussian Prime Minister Hermann Göring. Since 1963, Erich Klausener's urn has found a worthy resting place in the memorial church Maria Regina Martyrum in Berlin.

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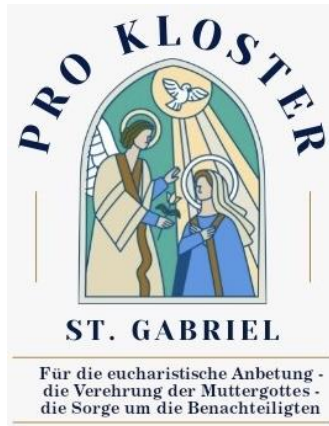
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