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## PROPHETIC INTERCESSION

**The German CCR organizes a staff training programme every two years; this year it took a special shape: From October 2 to 7 an international ICCRS Intercession Course took place in Fulda, in the centre of Germany.**

It was an intensive Spirit-filled time. We were about 180 people. About 40 of them came from other countries: Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Rumania, Belgium and even Kenia and Australia. The whole programme was conducted in German and English. Several top-class speakers gave the input: Cyril John from India, member of the ICCRS-Intercession committee and former vice-president of the ICCRS Council, the former ICCRS president Michelle Moran, who is already well-known in the German Renewal, and Christof Hemberger, who is both the ICCRS vice-president and a member of the German NSC.

### **Bishop among friends**

The Immanuel Lobpreiswerkstatt, the worship ministry from the largest German community, led us into marvelous worship times. Also, daily mass was an important element of our time. It was a gift to have seven priests participating in the programme. A highlight was the Eucharist with the auxiliary bishop Prof. Dr. Karlheinz Diez, who is presently the diocesan administrator of the Diocese of Fulda, where the event took place. He had celebrated mass with us at the German National Conference before and it was quite obvious that for him it was not just a call of duty but a visit among friends.

### **Pray for what is on God's heart**

A common thread of the course was: Intercession is not about a formula ("this is what intercession needs to like") but about listening to God. We are not to pray for the things we consider important but for what is on God's heart. To discern this, our relationship to God is of vital importance. Thus, the first morning was dedicated to a talk on repentance, followed by an extended time of Eucharistic

Adoration with an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. Many made use of this; in addition to the participating priests quite a few priests from the area had come to serve us.

Freed from our personal burdens and with a pure heart, we were then able to focus on our theme: "How to take Jesus as a model and stand in the gap in intercession". We also covered the following topics: "Prophetic intercession", "Charisms in intercession", "Spiritual warfare in intercession", etc. Especially Cyril John kept giving impressive examples of how God guides people very concretely in intercession using them to change situations.

### **Fascinating**

Of course we did not only speak about intercession. Several times, we met in small groups to pray. At first we were given a specific country to pray for. Then we were told to listen to God which country we should intercede for. The experiences of the groups varied greatly; some were surprised to find a consensus right away; in others, each one had a different country in the beginning and it was a bit more complex to come to an agreement... The next time we were only told to ask God what we should pray for. However, Cyril John had given us specific steps to follow in our intercession time. Finally, on Saturday afternoon we went out in groups to intercede in various locations in the area and in the city of Fulda. After each prayer time, we had a feedback time. It was fascinating to hear how God had led each group in a great variety of ways.

Other highlights were several prayer evenings with a focus on stretching out to God and his Holy Spirit afresh. Many were touched by him,

and we also ministered to each other in prayer and by receiving words and pictures for one another. And of course there was also a lot of praise and worship.

### **Starting point for new fruitfulness**

In the last talk, the foundations of our personal relationship to God were underlined once again – on this basis we can grow in our lives and ministries as well as in intercession. Because this is the only way how we will remember

these blessed days in Fulda not just as a “great conference” but as a starting point for new fruitfulness in intercession and in our life and ministry in general. With the challenge to let God show each one personally how exactly he is calling us to be involved and continue to grow in this ministry of intercession, we were sent back home into our everyday lives on Sunday after lunch.

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From 11 till 16th of November 2018 an ICCRS-Intercession-Course (ITC) will be held in Belgium. See Eucril 311. And flyer: [French](#), [Dutch](#), [English](#)

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