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Curriculum Vitae Tobias Karcher SJ

22.09.1961 born in Heidelberg, Germany
1967 - 1981 primary and secondary education in Heidelberg
1977 – 1978 student exchange with “Youth for Understanding” in St. Paul, MN, USA.
1981 - 1982 military service in Kempten, Ulm and Murnau, Germany

Formation

1982 - 1985 philosophical and theological studies in Freiburg, Germany
1985 - 1986 theological studies in Centres Sèvres and Institut Catholique, Paris, France
1986 - 1988 theological studies in St. Georgen, Frankfurt
diploma: Messianic Attention - The concept of the Messiah in the works of Emmanuel Lévinas
1988 - 1989 Internship with the Jesuit Refugee Service in PRPC (Philippines Refugee Processing Centre on Bataan, Philippines)
1989 - 1991 noviciate of the Society of Jesus in Nürnberg
1991 - 1993 philosophical studies in Munich, Berchmanskolleg SJ
MA in philosophy of law: The right of asylum as human right

Work experience

1993 - 1997 teaching in the youth department of the Heinrich Pesch Haus, Ludwigshafen (topics: European integration, civic education, ethics).
1998 - 2002 directing the European Office for Catholic Youth and Adult Education in Brussels, Belgium
2002 - 2003 Tertianship in Boston, Detroit, USA (formation and internship)
since 2003 director of the Heinrich Pesch Haus, centre for applied ethics

Heinrich Pesch Haus, Ludwigshafen, Germany

The Heinrich Pesch Haus, Ludwigshafen, is a Centre for Applied Ethics and the Catholic Academy of the Diocese of Speyer, entrusted to the Society of Jesus. At the turn from 19th to the 20th century the Jesuit and economist, Heinrich Pesch SJ formulated an own social-economic theory (solidarism) as response to the challenging issues of industrialisation and impoverishment in Europe, which had a strong impact on Catholic social teaching.

Today the Centre offers seminars for youth and adult education in the fields of bioethics, ethics in economy and society, ethics in interreligious and intercultural dialogue as well as Gender ethics.