

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that we, the European Society of Catholic Theology, announce the death of our founder, and the inaugural President of our association, Prof. Peter Hünemann. Born in Berlin in 1929, Prof Hünemann taught theology at the universities of Münster (1971–1982) and of Tübingen (1982–1997). His many publications include *Papacy and Ecumenism. On the Petrine Ministry for the Unity of All the Baptized* (Regensburg 1997) and *Dogmatic Principles. Faith – Tradition – Theology as a Process of Language and Truth* (Münster 2003). He was editor of the 40th edition of the *Enchiridion symbolorum, definitionum et declarationum de rebus fidei et morum* and in cooperation with colleagues from the Faculty in Tübingen produced the Herder Commentary on the documents of Vatican II (2004-2006). He was also a member of the follow-up project, "The Second Vatican Council: Event and Mandate". This project is working on an intercontinental commentary on the Council texts. The first volumes of which have just been published in German and in English. Wonderfully these were published some weeks before his death.

It is his very many students who are perhaps his richest fruit, as they continue his work in the world of academia and Church. We, members of the association, are deeply grateful for his vision in founding our society, and his ongoing work via the Peter Hünemann Foundation (established 2008) to foster the European Society's research activities through funding projects, including the support of the Society's journal "ET-Studies", a peer-reviewed theological journal.

Margit Eckholt will be present at the funeral. It is excellent she can represent us there.

Kind regards, and despite the sad news Christmas blessings to all.

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