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SANT'EGIDIO

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

We cordially invite you to the Catholic Academy in Berlin online on **Monday, September 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** for a discussion of the book by

Andrea Riccardi

Das Herz wiederfinden. Beten mit dem Wort Gottes
[Rediscovering the Heart. Praying with the Word of God], Würzburg 2021

With retired Bishop Dr. Dr. h.c. **Markus Dröge**, **Uta Raabe**, Head of the Pastoral Department in the Archdiocese of Berlin and former President of the Bundestag Dr. h.c. **Wolfgang Thierse**

Prayer and reading of the Scripture have always known the experience of God's silence - especially in the face of evil and pain. In digital worlds, quick answers are an everyday normality - quick answers that cannot be expected in prayer. How does the praying person today pass through the "silence of God" and how can they discover anew the strengthening power of prayer? Starting from the Bible, the Church Fathers and the Eastern iconographic tradition, Andrea Riccardi tries to answer this question. The reading of the Scriptures and the adoration of icons reveal an unexpected beauty that springs from the cracks inside suffering, humiliated and abandoned humankind.

About the author: **Andrea Riccardi** is a historian and founder of Sant' Egidio, a spiritual community based in Trastevere, Rome. The community is known for its commitment to development and peace work. The author will not be present.

The event will be livestreamed via Youtube.

English-version: <https://youtu.be/IClHFSHehNY>

German-version: <https://youtu.be/qZj2C4rniug>

We would be delighted to welcome you to the Academy for this evening.

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