



## The papa - aqua - mobil ®



**The invention of the papa-aqua-mobil was caused by the dispute in Freiburg about the papal visit.** Critics of the Pope's visit take the view that it is too expensive and that the money should rather be spend for social purposes.

In addition, the monarchical, absolutistic and traditional structure of the Vatican is criticized amongst other issues.

**Based in that, the REHA-Verein thought about how one could use the visit of the Pope to support socially disadvantaged groups of people directly.**

The **result** was the following:

First take

**the emblem of the city of Freiburg with its liberal, democratic and authority-critical tradition.**

Then take

**the national coat of arms of the state of the Vatican with its tradition of being monarchical, trusting in authority and tradition-bound**

and put both together on the sail of a boat.

Then use the sail for the famous **Freiburger Bächleboot** of the REHA-Verein, which is manufactured by disabled employees in the REHA workshops, and take corresponding colours of the Vatican and turn it into:

**The papa-aqua-mobil, following Freiburg's culture of being tolerant but critical at the same time.**

Suitable for both:

**The critics**, who can let the papa-aqua-mobil 'go down the sanny' at Freiburg's famous little creek (and then buy a new *Bächleboot*)

**and the supporters of the papal visit**, who can pull the papa-aqua-mobil upstream through the waters.

**The German Bishops' Conference** soon contacted the REHA-Verein and initially expressed a **"great understanding for the creative potential of our organization" (19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011).**

**However**, it then pointed out that the staff had obviously made an error:

The used emblem was not the Vatican's coat of arms, but the personal emblem of the pope, for which **licence fees** become due.

Thereupon, the **REHA-Verein** informed the German Bishops' Conference that the proceeds of the papa-aqua-mobil come in useful directly to socially disadvantaged people,

**as it is manufactured by (psychologically) disabled people in the workshops of the REHA-Verein in Emmendingen and sold by the REHA-Store (both of which are non-profit).**

**Consequently, each cent paid to the German Bishops' Conference would result in a loss for the socially disadvantaged people in Emmendingen and Freiburg.**

However, there would be the possibility that the German Bishops' Conference could retrospectively donate the licence fee for the non-profit REHA-Verein, (as the supporters of the soccer club SC-Freiburg, concerning the SC-Freiburg-Bächleboot, already discuss it).

The German Bishops' Conference has not yet responded to this request.

**That way, pope Benedikt could contribute directly to the financial adjustment for socially disadvantaged with his personal emblem on the papa-aqua-mobil.**

One can wonder if his chaplain **Gänswein** has let him know already...??

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