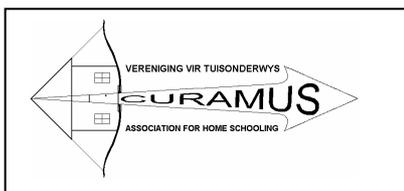


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Dear Pope Benedict

The Association for Homeschooling represents families who provide education to their children within the family in South Africa and also supports homeschooling families in other countries.

The German government has been persecuting parents who educate their children within the family in order to transfer their religious values to them. This persecution also applies to Roman Catholic parents in Germany. The Association has been in contact with the German embassy in South Africa since 2005, urging them to stop the persecution of homeschooling parents. The Association has also created website dedicated to the persecution of homeschooling parent at www.bremen-memorial.org.

Since 2008 the German government has intensified it's persecution of homeschooling families by removing children from their parents and putting parents into jail. With this letter we would like to request you to provide your support for the freedom of parents in Germany to educate their children within the family. This could possibly be done through the following means:

1. To pray for the freedom of Christian parents in Germany to provide home education to their children.
2. To request the German government to stop the persecution of homeschooling families through the diplomatic channels of the Vatican.
3. To make members of the Roman Catholic church aware of the plight of homeschooling families in Germany.

Your support on this issue would be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bouwe van der Eems', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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