

A Cry from Hungary

An Appeal to all people who regard basic human values and democracy as being important

Dear Christian brethren and European citizens of faith,

In recent weeks certain groups have launched political and financial attacks against Hungary, often in total ignorance of facts and the situation on the ground. These verbal assaults also included deliberate distortions of the truth in order to preserve or to gain positions of power...Baseless rumors have misled people, organizations, politicians and the media outlets we hold in esteem.

A set of special interests with limited membership decry the alleged lack of democracy and the rule of law in Hungary. Their voices are shrill and carry great distances, but these noises do not reflect the thoughts of a peaceful majority that desires the success of the broader community based on a general sense of justice.

Our country, Hungary, has a legitimately and democratically-elected government with a Christian perspective that is firmly rooted in democratic tradition. People and all observable, significant political forces who advocate the public interest (*res publica*) unequivocally support these principles. Our country's parliament works to live up to its obligations to its citizens and to the country's international commitments.

We the undersigned, Hungarian Christian businessmen and entrepreneurs, Roman Catholics and Protestants alike, are members of KÉRME (Association for the Preservation of Traditional Christian Values). Based on our openly confessed value system and goals, we raise our voices on behalf of our nation and in support of balanced and diverse reporting.

We support all those efforts to present a fair and just picture of this country that base their view on the fateful questions of the Hungarian nation in the spirit of righteousness and zealous love (See John 2:13-17).

Hungary, Europe and the World needs to join forces!

We thereby declare our readiness to cooperate without regard to political or religious belief with every person, organization, international forum or expert of good will who respects international standards, including the interests of the Hungarian nation, in addressing any issue. Relying on facts and accurate translations of authoritative documents will serve our common interest of informing a wider public in a credible manner.

"May there be peace, freedom and accord!"¹

Budapest, January 12, 2012

The KÉRME Presidency

Association for the Preservation of Traditional Christian Values

¹ Citation from Hungary's new Fundamental Law (Constitution)

