

Brief biography

Prof. Dr. Thomas Söding, born in 1956, has been Professor of New Testament Studies at the [Faculty of Catholic Theology at Ruhr University Bochum](#) from 2008 to 2023 and Senior Professor from 2023 to 2026. He was previously Professor of Biblical Theology at the [University of Wuppertal](#) from 1993 to 2008. He received his academic training by studying Catholic Theology, German Studies and History at the [University of Münster](#). In 1979 he completed his diploma in theology and in 1980 his first state examination in German studies. His dissertation on faith in Mark was accepted in Münster in 1985 and his [habilitation thesis on the commandment of love in Paul](#) in 1991. His work in research and teaching focuses on the exegesis of the Gospels, Pauline theology, the theory and practice of scriptural interpretation and ecumenism. Thomas Söding served as theological expert at four World Bishop Synods, at least 2023 and 2024 an "Synodality". He is Vice President of the Central Committee of Catholics in Germany (ZdK). His main fields of Research are the Jesus tradition, New Testaments ethics, Pauline Theology, synodality, Ecumenism and hermeneutics.

Some of his publications

(<https://bibliographie.ub.rub.de/person/9953>):

- Wohin will die katholische Kirche? Die Weltsynode und Papst Leo XIV., 2025 (<https://shop.verlagsgruppe-patmos.de/wohin-will-die-katholische-kirche-303399.html>)
- Gottesreich und Menschenmacht. Politische Ethik des Neuen Testaments, 2024 (<https://www.herder.de/theologie-pastoral/shop/p2/85377-gottesreich-und-menschenmacht-gebundeneausgabe/>)
- Das Evangelium nach Lukas (<https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/58015/das-evangelium-nach-lukas-gesamtpaket>), 2 Bände (2023).
- Das Evangelium nach Markus (https://www.eva-leipzig.de/product_info.php?info=p5330_Das-Evangelium-nach-Markus.html) (2022).

- Gemeinsam unterwegs. Synodalität in der katholischen Kirche (<https://shop.verlagsgruppe-patmos.de/gemeinsam-unterwegs-synodalitaet-in-der-katholischen-kirche-303317.html>) (2022).
- Ein Gott für alle. Der Aufbruch zur Weltmission in der Apostelgeschichte (<https://www.herder.de/theologie-pastoral/shop/p2/56362-ein-gott-fuer-alle-gebundene-ausgabe/>) (2020).
- Gemeinsam zu Gott beten. Eine jüdisch-christliche Auslegung des Vaterunsers (<https://www.herder.de/religion-spiritualitaet/shop/p3/53488-gemeinsam-zu-gott-beten-gebundene-ausgabe/>) mit Moshe Navon (2018).
- Nächstenliebe (2015).
- Das Christentum als Bildungsreligion (2015).
- Die Verkündigung Jesu (2012).

Memberships:

Thomas Söding is a member of numerous academic and church bodies, including the [Academy of Sciences and Arts of North Rhine-Westphalia](#). From 2004-2014, he was a member of the [International Theological Commission](#) at the Vatican. He is an advisor to the Faith Commission of the [German Bishops' Conference](#) and was a consultant to the [Pontifical Council \(now: Dicastery\) for the New Evangelization](#) until 2023. He is a permanent guest in the [Chamber Network](#) of the [EKD](#). He is a theological expert of the [World Synod of the Catholic Church](#) 2021-2024.