

## German court fines Holocaust-denying bishop

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The day the Vatican [opened talks](#) [1] with the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X (a.k.a. the Lefebvrites) and scheduled twice-a-month meetings over the coming months, a German court fined one of the society's bishops for his denial of the Holocaust. Reuters reports:

BERLIN -- A German court has fined traditionalist bishop Richard Williamson 12,000 euros (\$17,860) for incitement because he publicly denied the Holocaust, a spokesman for a Nuremberg court said Tuesday (Oct. 27).

The Bavarian court had Monday approved a request from state prosecutors in Regensburg for the fine but British-born Williamson has two weeks to contest the ruling.

"If he decides not to accept it, there will be a hearing," said the court spokesman, adding there was as yet no indication of Williamson's intentions.

Denying the Holocaust is classified as a hate crime in Germany.

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