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Context
Point in Time
Local Munich
Past 1942 Anonymous
1943 Gestapo Photo
(Graf was executed October 12, 1943 at age 25)
National 1964 Gewalt und Gewissen: Willi Graf und die Weiße Rose (Eine Dokumentation von Klaus Vielhaber)

1982 Den Bösen widersteht: Willi Graf Weg in die Todeszelle (Short Film-Katholisches Filmwerk Frankfurt) Radio, television, CD, newspaper interviews given by Graf’s sisters to honor his memory Plaques on former residences

Saarbrücken Honorary grave maintained by the city of Saarbrücken, Germany

2003 Statue is dedicated in Graf’s memory
2003 Willi Graf und die Weiße Rose: Eine Rezeptionsgeschichte (Dissertation in German by Tatjana Blaha)
2008 Willi Graf: Con la Rosa Bianca contro Hitler, book published in Italian by Rosa Paoletti
2009 Willi Graf: Ein Weg in den Widerstand, (Biography by Peter Goergen)
2010 Willi Graf: Zeulichrung und Widerstand: Ein Film von Boris Pents

International Present Plaque by baptismal font where Graf was baptized in 1918, St. Nikolaus Church, Kuchenheim, near Bonn, Germany, 20th Century Martyr Eight schools, a student residence hall, family center, and several streets in Germany are named after Graf

Internet websites about Graf: German Resistance Memorial Center H-NET Humanities and Social Sciences Facebook page Wikipedia Rheinische Geschichte Portal Schools named after Graf Center for White Rose Studies White Rose Office

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*Research Questions

Graf’s active empathy for victims of Nazi terror led to passive resistance and self-sacrifice in the true spirit of servant leadership and Christian discipleship. How is it that he was able to discern the way when others weren’t? How did Graf develop a following, his conscience in accordance with his Catholic upbringing? What works did