



*"God wants to find man, and man must find God. Here in the manger, God lies in human form, one of us... His light is love, His light is peace."*

**Mother Marie Therese**

*Dear members and friends,*

*In this festive season, the Christmas light shines as a hopeful call for peace and joy. The birth of Jesus Christ, the Sar-shalom (Prince of Peace), reminds us that true happiness and inner contentment can only be found in deep communion with God - in the Communio in Christo.*

*In a world shaken by war and conflict, it is precisely this divine light that gives us hope and reminds us of true peace. The invitation to this peaceful community remains an unwavering comfort, even in times of darkness.*

*May this Christmas be a source of reflection and peace for you and your family. May the love of Christ light up your heart and bring you comfort, security, and joy. And may the true peace that only God can give fill your home and grant you strength and hope for the coming year.*

*On behalf of the Communio in Christo, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Christmas and a new year 2025 filled with happiness, peace, and precious shared moments.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Fr. Jaison Thazhathil  
Superior General, Communio in Christo*

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## Birthday celebration for an oasis

The Communio in Christo celebrated its 40th anniversary with a Eucharistic celebration in the parish church of Mechernich. The Bishop of Aachen, Dr Helmut Dieser, praised the community as an "oasis" in difficult times - and in many ways.

"What fascinates me is the spiritual strength that Mother Marie Therese received from God, so that she always held on to her mission in a long desert period, in a time full of incomprehension, hostility and rejection," said Bishop Dr Helmut Dieser in his homily. In spite of this opposition, the Foundress created a work that is now a place of love and care throughout the world.

[Link to German article. Translation will be added soon.](#)

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