



COMMUNIO IN CHRISTO



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Communio meeting remembers Mother Marie Therese

In a Holy Mass and reviewing in moving words 40 years of its history, the Communio in Christo in Mechernich celebrated the birthday and name day of their foundress Mother Marie Therese in moving words. In his address the Superior General Fr. Jaison Thazhathil remembered the testimony of the foundress of the order.

Sr. Lidwina gave insights into 40 years of the community history and quoted from the reflection titled "How God can be found in suffering?". In addition, Sonja Plönnes, the directress of the homes, honored the commitment of the nursing staff. It was a day full of gratitude, communion and new motivation on the path in the spirit of the founder. (rl)



Word of thanks for the courageous Washington Bishop

The Washington bishop Mariann Edgar Budde received spiritual greetings from Mechernich. The Spiritual Padre Rudolf Ammann expressed his thanks on behalf of the Communio in Christo for her courageous sermon on the occasion of President Donald Trump's inauguration. Her words, pointing out the importance of human dignity, diversity and cohesion, were „deeply moving“, said Ammann. He wrote: „We pray for strength and God's blessing for you and for us in these difficult times“. A sign of deep solidarity - borne by the spirit of the foundress, Mother Marie Therese, whose work still moves and unites us today.

In a recent video message, the Anglican Bishop had expressed her gratitude for the overwhelming positive reactions from around the world. (js)

Communio Deacon attending the Bishop's Conference

On the occasion of the three Church services in the morning during the Plenary Assembly of the the German Bishops' Conference in the Steinfeld Basilika, Manfred Lang (at the ambo), the Deputy of the Superior General Jaison Thazhathil supported the Archbishops Dr. Stefan Heße (Hamburg) and Herwig Gössl (Bamberg) by proclaiming the Gospel. Also, he assisted the Main Celebrant Bishop Dr. Gerhard Feige (Magdeburg, in the photo left) in the memorial service for the deceased of the German Bishops' Conference on 13 March 2025.

Here in the Eifel region the German bishops spoke about the global situation and Ukraine, the future of Christianity in Syria and Iraq, the World Synod and about women in church leadership positions (ml/photo: German Bishops' Conference/Marko Orlovic).



“Eufonia“ to sing and act for the benefit of the hospice

“The most delicate temptation since the start of male voice choirs”, that is how Eufonia calls itself. It is the renowned cabaret and musical variety ensemble from Brühl that already performed together with the former patron Johannes Kalpers for the benefit of the Communio in Christo hospice «Stella Maris».

Now the ensemble's two dozen singers and actors and the only woman and soprano singer, Dorothea Kares are coming again to the former mining town Mechernich (also called “Bleiberg” – lead mountain). On Friday 30 May at 7 pm they will perform in the auditorium of the Mechernich school district/high school. The ensemble presents “A day like gold”, a satire on various Saturday night TV shows. Tickets in advance are available at the Communio in Christo (Bruchgasse), in the Mechernich townhall (citizens' office), at the book store Schwinning (Felix-Gerhardus-Straße) and in „Nette's Hobbylädchen“ (Bahnstraße). Tickets cost 16 Euros in advance and 19 Euros at the box office.



Holy week at the Communio

In the Liturgical Year, the Holy week is the last week of the lent or Passion Time and thus the last week before Easter. During this time Christians remember the suffering, the dying and the resurrection of Jesus, and so does the Communio in Christo in their house chapel in the Mechernich Motherhouse.

The Holy week starts there with a Holy Mass on Palm Sunday with palm branches blessing (Saturday, 12 April at 5 pm and Sunday, 13 April at 10 am).

On Monday, 14 April at 3 pm an anointing of the sick service will be offered. On Maundy Thursday, 17 April there will be a Last Supper Service at 5.30 pm.

On Good Friday you can join a retreat with stations of the cross in Adenau.

Registration is possible until 10 April. The Good Friday liturgy will be at 3 pm. The Easter Vigil mass will be celebrated on 19 April at 5 pm in the cafeteria. The musical arrangement will be done by the choir "Cantiamo" from Cologne-Stommeln.



Prayer for peace at the Communio

Because of ongoing armed conflicts in many war zones around the world the Ordo Communio in Christo calls for a rosary for peace in the house chapel at 5.30 pm on each Sacred Heart Friday. Please enter from Bruchgasse. Ring the bell. You can also join online via Zoom.

Sacred Heart Fridays at the Communio are on each first Friday of the month. The next date is Friday 7 March. If you wish you can also attend the Holy Mass at 6 pm. (ml)



[Zoom-Link](#)

A word of Mother Marie Therese



Seventh reflection on suffering

April 2nd 1993

“Good Friday – a day of contemplation, a day which may help us to gain in knowledge, an opportunity to profess and to confess. It is a day on which the Cross of Christ demands all our attention. It wants to let us know its cause and message. It wants to free us from our fear of punishment. It is the door between darkness and light. It wants to be hope and security for our hearts, so that we will love it, not only on this day but always. On this crossbeam an innocent man bled to death, bled God Himself in human shape...

This Cross unfolds the eternal bliss of our future. It creates a new life. It is the transformation of the old world into love. It is the enchantment of our way of thinking. It transfigures the world into a feast of joy. Being redeemed means that we regard our neighbour with love and that in us is Heaven.”

From: Mother Marie Therese, I implore You, o Holy Church – In the name of the Spirit, 2015, Patris Verlag GmbH, Vallendar, Germany, and “Bernardinum”, Pelplin, Poland, pp. 223; 226

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